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Proceedings of the Legislature.

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A Committee to be Drawn To-Day.

Large Number of Bills Passed.

AMENDMENTS TO THE FEE BILL.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

HARRISBURG, PA., February 20, 1872.

The Allegheny County Fee Bill.

The Allegheny members of the House held a caucus this afternoon on the amended fee bill, and agreed to report the following amendments: Increasing Judges' salaries $1,000 instead of $2,000; making Commissioners' salarier $1,500 instead of $2,000; keeping the District Attorney at the present salary, but allowing him fifty per cent. of fees on forfeited recognizances. In other respects the bill remains as published. Thus amended it passed the House to second reading this evening. The Senators were not present at the caucus, but friends of the bill report them favorable.

Lecture by Miss Hindman.

Matilda Hindman lectured to a large audience in the hall of the House to-night.

Special to the Pittsburgh Press.

HARRISBURG, February 20, 1872.

SENATE.

Mr. Rutan presented a petition from Beaver county for a prohibitory liquor law.

On motion of Mr. Broadhead, the bill repealing the obnoxious clause of the Milford and Matamoras Railroad act, which was reported affirmatively, was recommitted.

Agreement on the McClure-Gray Case.

Mr. Buckalew, from the Conference Committee on the McClure-Gray bill, reported the refusal of the House Committee to accept the Senate bill, and moved that the Senate Committee insist upon its bill. Agreed to.

Subsequently Mr. Buckalew reported from the same committee the bill offered by himself on Friday last as agreed to by the committee. The report was adopted. This bill, as now agreed upon by both houses, amends the act of 1839 by construing that the petition must be presented within ten days after the returns of a contested election, and effectually gives Gray three Republicans and McClure two Democrats, leaving the seventh member of the committee to be selected by lottery. The committee will be drawn to-morrow.

Bills Passed.

The following Senate bills were passed: Incorporating the Allegheny Salt Company; changing the lines and location of Water street, Birmingham; supplement to the act relative to the opening and grading of Wylie avenue from Kirkpatrick street to Herron avenue, Pittsburgh; supplement for the People's Insurance Company; incorporating the Pittsburgh Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals; supplement relative to building sewers in Birmingham borough; incorporating the Mutual Life Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, supplement for the Orphans' Asylum of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, changing the name of said corporation, limiting its annual income, and authorizing the Board of Managers to fill vacancies; authorizing Allegheny city to issue additional water bonds; supplement to the act authorizing power for the conversion of the common grounds of Allegheny city into public parks; providing for an equitable division of property between the Allegheny County House and the Directors of the Poor of Allegheny city.

The following House bills were passed: Protecting fish in Chartiers Creek, Allegheny and Washington counties, and Conoquenessing Creek, Butler county; amending the fee bill of Allegheny county, by putting the Prothonotary on the footing of the general fee bill of 1858, and the act of 1810 taxing officers so far as their salaries and percentages are concerned; authorizing Mount Washington School Board, Allegheny county to sell real estate and borrow money; enabling Mount Albion sub-School District to borrow money; incorporating the Odd Fellows Savings Bank, Pittsburgh; incorporating the Arsenal Bank, Pittsburgh.

The joint resolution from the House to adjourn the Legislature to-morrow till Wednesday, 28th inst., was postponed till to-morrow.

The bill granting a site in the public grounds for a monument to the founders of the common school system was passed.

Mr. Graham introduced a bill incorporating the Pittsburgh Academy of Art and Design.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Bills Passed.

Bills authorizing the surrender of the Lawrenceville and Sharpsburg plank road to Pittsburgh passed; authorizing Oil City to provide water works and gas works, and borrow money, passed.

The following House bills passed first reading: Prohibiting the sale of liquors in Monongahela City and Carroll township, Washington county; prohibiting the sale of liquor in North Versailles township, Allegheny county, establishing a ferry over the Ohio at Shousetown; incorporating the Union Passenger Railway Company of Allegheny county; incorporating the Hollidaysburg and Bedford Narrow Gauge Railway Company; incorporating the Citizens' Passenger Railway Company of Pittsburgh.

The bill repealing the fourth section of the Milford and Matamoras Railroad act of 1870, which section takes ten thousand dollars annually out of the treasury, was laid over by a vote of 47 to 38.

The following Senate bills passed final reading: Conferring additional powers on the Pittsburgh and Castle Shannon Railroad Company; incorporating the Pittsburgh and Norwood Railroad Company with power *inter alia* to hold, sell and improve real estate and river interests; amending the charter of the Westmoreland Coal Company, authorizing an increase of the capital stock and purchase of real estate by the same.

The Allegheny delegation held a meeting this afternoon and modified the fee bill in the following principal items: Judges' salaries was increased $1,000 instead of $2,000 to be paid by the county; salary of County Commissioner $2,000; Sheriff, $6,000; Prothonatary, $6,000: District Attorney, $4,000, with one half of the forfeited recognizances; Clerk of Orphans' Court, $2,500. The bill will pass the House with these amendments.

Adjournment for a Week.

The concurrent resolution adjourning the Legislature from to-morrow till Wednesday of next week was passed, which will probably pass the Senate to-morrow.

Report of the Conference Committee Agreed to.

The House agreed to the report of the McClure-Gray Conference Committee. It is quite certain the committee in this case will be drawn to-morrow. It is believed that the Republicans will select Messrs. White, Mumma and Fitch, and the Democrats Buckalew, Davis, of Berks, and Dill, as six members of this committee. The seventh member is to be chosen by lottery.

Cause of the Prevailing Disease.

A report will be presented to the Legislature indicating the cause of the prevailing complaints in Harrisburg. The drinking water from the Susquehanna river, instead of being drawn through a pipe extending several hundred feet into the river, has for some time past been taken by the water works from the edge of the stream, just below the mouths of three filthy sewers. About seventy per cent. of the members of the Legislature and nearly every other inhabitant of the city have been suffering from this criminal negligence by those in charge of the water supply.

An Act to Protect the Labor of Miners in the Bituminous Coal Regions of this Commonwealth.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That after the period of three months from the passage of this act, any miner employed by an individual, firm or corporation for the purpose of mining coal, shall be entitled to receive from his employer, and failing to receive these, to receive by due process of law, such rates as may have been agreed upon between the employer and the employed, full and exact wages accruing to him for the mining of all sizes of merchantable coal so mined by him: *Provided*, That the same shall exist in the form of nut or lump coal, and in the adjudication of such wages seventy-six pounds shall be deemed one bushel, and two thousand pounds shall be deemed one ton of coal; *provided*, that the provisions of this act shall only apply to the counties of Allegheny, Lawrence, Beaver, Mercer, Westmoreland, Fayette and Washington.

SEC. 2. That at every bituminous coal mine in the aforesaid counties the merchantable coal is mined by measurement, all cars filled by the miners or their laborers shall be uniform in capacity, and no car or cars shall enter the mine for a longer period than three months without being branded by the sealer of weights and measures of the county where the mine is located.

SEC. 3. That at every bituminous coal mine in the aforesaid counties the miners shall have the right to employ a competent person at their expense as a check weighman, who shall be permitted at all times to be present at the weighing of coal, and shall have power to test scales, measures and determine the amount of nut or other merchantable coal screened, if any, at the works; and if any difference should exist between the owner of the mines or his representatives and the representative of the miners as to the amount of such merchantable coal mined during any week, such difference shall be determined at the end of such week by three arbitrators, one chosen by each party, the third to be appointed by the two so chosen; the award of such arbitrators shall be final and conclusive; and it shall be a further duty of said check weighman to see that all merchantable coal is correctly credited to the miner, and keep a correct account thereof. When differences arise between the check weighman and the agent or owners of the mines as to the capacity or correctness of the scales or cars used, the same shall be referred to the sealer of weights and measures of the county where the mine is located, whose duty it shall be to regulate the same at once.

SEC. 4. Any owner or agent of a mine in the aforesaid counties fraudulently evading the provisions of this act, shall be held and be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars and imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty days for each offense.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, February 20.—The House Judiciary Committee, yesterday, reported a bill for clary Committee, yesterday, reported a bill for the final adjustment of the Minnesota State Railroad bonds. It is considered by far the most important measure yet brought before the Legislature, and it is to be hoped that it will pass.

Kansas.

TOPEKA, February 20.—The Senate took up the House apportionment bill, struck out all after the enacting clause, inserted their own bill, and sent it back to the House. The House was engaged all day in amending what is known as the "occupying claimant law," which was brought in by settlers on the Cherokee and Osage Indian lands, and is designed to help them in getting pay for their improvements.

ST. LOUIS, February 20.—The *Democrat's* Topeka (Kansas) special says the Bribery Investigating Committee will probably report on Friday. At the session last night Honest Billy Spriggs, formerly State Treasurer, swore that the Treasurer of Leavenworth county told him that he had spent $20,000 cash for the election of Caldwell, on promise of the latter to recompense him; also that Frank Demming, another member of the ring, told him he paid two thousand to the Treasurer of Nemaha county for the two votes of that county; further that he was asked by one of Caldwell's ring to collect one thousand dollars from a member in southern Kansas who had failed to vote after getting his money. It seems that the money was paid back to one Carson, then agent of the Democratic *Standard*, and he never turned it over to Caldwell. Carson has left the State, or is out of reach.

Nebraska.

OMAHA, February 20.—The case of Senator Leonard came up before the Supreme Court today, but was adjourned until to-morrow. The Legislature is doing nothing, waiting for the action of the Court.

Ohio.

COLUMBUS, February 20.—The Senate spent almost all day on questions of privilege and side issues relating to the Kemp-Saylor contested election case. No definite action was had. Bills were introduced to require adjoining land owners to keep their portion of line fences in repair; to forbid persons in counties to remove mortgaged property from the county where it is mortgaged without the consent of the mortgagee. A Senate bill was passed to dispense with full record of transgressions taken in criminal cases. In the House bills were introduced to reduce the rate of county and township taxation, and to authorize the incorporation of co-operative societies.

Wisconsin.

MADISON, WIS., February 20.—In the contested election case from Winnebago county, the Assembly voted to retain Mr. Beckwith, Democrat, in his seat over Mr. Judd, Republican, the vote standing 35 to 35.

POLITICAL.

Election of Delegates at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, February 20.—The resolutions adopted at the Republican primaries last night, opposing any and all movements or measures hostile to Republican principles or the National Republican Convention, and pledging support to the nominees of the National Convention. The delegates endorse some of the most prominent Republicans in the city. Among them are the Hon. H. T. Blow, ex-Governor Fletcher, ex-Lieutenant-Governor Stanard, Judge Clever, Judge Breckenridge, ex-Mayor Chauvey, and Filley, Hon. George P. Strong and others of standing and influence.

Kansas Delegation to the Labor Reform Convention.

ST. LOUIS, February 20.—The workingmen of Kansas, in convention at Topeka, elected today two delegates to the National Labor Convention at Columbus, Ohio, on the 22d. A resolution was unanimously adopted instructing the delegates to use their influence to postpone the nomination of candidates for President and Vice President by the Columbus Convention until May 11th; also to secure if possible the reassembling of the National Convention of Labor and Reform in time for harmonious action in the next Presidential campaign, and further, in the event of the reassembling of the Labor Convention, they use their best to form an alliance with the Liberal Republicans, who will assemble at Cincinnati on the 12th of May, if the same can be done without the sacrifice of princi[illegible].

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

A log house in Clark county, Indiana, two miles from New Albany, was discovered on Sunday to have been burned to the ground, and part of the remains of the occupants, a German and his wife, named Bentley, were found in the debris. It is supposed they were murdered for their money, Bentley having sold a large amount of bacon on Saturday, and the house burned to conceal the crime.

The small-pox is epidemic in Baltimore, and increasing fearfully.

The steamship Hibernian, from Liverpool, has arrived at Portland, Me.

A negro named John Fort, in jail at Smithland, Ky., on a charge of stabbing another negro, hung himself last Friday night.

It is said rich deposits of lead ore have been discovered near Carrsville, Ky.

The suit of Fred. Breitzman, at Memphis, against the St. Louis Packet Company for false imprisonment and malicious prosecution, has resulted in the awarding of $5,000 damages to the plaintiff.

The Memphis authorities having refused them permission to ply their vocation in that city, gamblers are nightly arrested and fined.

The injury to Hon. George H. Pendleton, sustained by a fall last week, it has been ascertained is not so severe as at first supposed. He will be able to be out in a short time.

An association has been formed at Rockport, Indiana, for the erection of a suitable monument over the grave of the mother of the late President Abraham Lincoln. Her grave is at that place.

FROM BROWNSVILLE, PA.

The Town Not Dead by Any Means—Flourishing Manufactories—A Word to a Newspaper Correspondent.

Special Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Commercial.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., February 10, 1872.

The chief point of difference between Brownsville and other towns of its size is, it makes no ostentatious parade of its doings. Our local paper is not incessantly filled with notices of everything that is done, from the white-washing of a pig-sty to the establishment of a bank. Too much modesty on the part of five men, and too much gas on the part of a superabundance of chronic croakers, among whom the Pittsburgh *Gazette* special correspondent stands preeminent, have combined to form the erroneous impression in the minds of many that Brownsville is *dead*.

What symptoms are there by which we can judge of the commercial health of a town or city? Business men will tell you, the most certain means by which we can ascertain the course of the tide of prosperity, is by watching the fluctuations in real estate. If the tide is on the ebb, rents and prices of property ebb with it in exact proportion. The converse of this is also true. Let us apply this test to Brownsville. What is the result? We find rents higher and property selling for more, by at least twenty-five per cent. than fifteen, five or ten years ago. 'Tis true, we have lost the one valuable auxiliary to the place, which the correspondent mentions—the Vulcan iron works—but it is strange he was so shortsighted; if he had glanced down the river a few hundred yards below these works he would have seen one of the finest and best conducted glass factories in America; a factory that annually disburses at least seventy-five thousand dollars in wages alone, besides the immense sum paid for material and coal. Could a town of Brownsville's population justly be called dead, even were this the only enterprising firm? We think not. But we are not reduced to this. Notwithstanding the immense whisky interest and numerous failures, we have in addition large foundries, machine shops, boat yards, coal mines, steam mills of all kinds, also four banks with an aggregate capital of four hundred and fifteen thousand dollars, whose shares are selling at from five to eighty-nine per cent. premium. Does this state of affairs look like commercial death? Is it a sign that we are dying when our most shrewd men are investing largely in real estate? Does this look as if the place was "drowned like Babylon of Old" and as if we were "under the wrath of God?" The only indication we can discern of His displeasure, is, that He has inflicted this "special correspondent's" presence upon us.

His unfounded and preposterous assertions have excited almost universal censure among our business men.

Let the "special correspondent" translate this latin proverb, if he is able. It suits his case exactly: "Stultus, nisi quod ipse facit, nil rectum putat." "The foolish man thinks nothing well done, but what is done by himself."

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EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

The Œcumenical Council Convoked.

THE BONAPARTIST CONSPIRACY IN FRANCE.

Extraordinary Precautions Being Taken.

New Cable Projects.

LONDON, February 20.—The *Times* says the companies operating the existing cables between Europe and America have agreed on a basis whereby the French company will proceed to lay another cable. The article hints that a modification of the present tariff on cable dispatches may be expected.

The Bonapartist Conspiracy.

PARIS, February 20.—There is much excitement here over the discovery of the last Bonapartist conspiracy. That there is some truth in the report of its existence is proved by the extraordinary precautions taken by the Government here as well as in the northern departments. In this city and at Versailles the police force on duty has been doubled, and troops have received orders to remain at their barracks ready for action.

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The *Spectator* thinks nothing can be graver than the present situation of the arbitration question, and declares that:

"England cannot permit the claims commonly called indirect to be ever submitted to the Board of Arbitrators. We must not go into this arbitration trusting to any preconceived notion of our own as to what the good sense and moderation of the other set of arbitrators will do for us. We do not doubt at all that the court of arbitrators would put aside as simply extravagant at least nine-tenths of the American claims, but we have no right what ever to trust to this."

The *Saturday Review* does not hold the people of the United States responsible for what it terms the "hostile proceeding" of their Government, but thinks there is too much reason to fear that they will support its policy. It adds:

"It is satisfactory to observe that, for the first time in eleven years, all parties in England are absolutely of one mind on the merits of a controversy with America. The most enthusiastic supporters of the cause of the North during the civil war, the most devoted admirers of Republican institutions, concur in the determination to resist pretensions which can only have been advanced for the purposes of injury or insult."

The *Daily News* bitterly attacks Lord Granville for allowing the English Commissioners to sign a treaty which comprizes the interpretation of claims that "cannot for a moment be allowed by Her Majesty's government," and observes:

"Only one course is possible. The tribunal at Geneva was appointed not to interpret the treaty, but to adjudicate upon claims supposed to be distinctly indicated in it. Questions having arisen as to the meaning of the agreement, its scope and intention must be settled by further negotiations between the contracting parties before the arbitration under it is possible."

The *News* also says that the situation in which England finds herself placed, makes it pertinent to consider whether the constitutional tradition which reserves the treaty-making power in the English political system exclusively to the Sovereign, might not wisely be revised.

The *Standard* thinks the weak point in the case of Great Britain was the unfortunate omission of her Commissioners to disown a claim which it was an insult to her even to mention, and declares the English Government ought at once to say to that of the United States:

"You have misunderstood our intentions; your misinterpretation of language is different from our own. We thought we had only assented to refer some express claims to the arbitrators at Geneva. If our assent is capable of wider construction we insist at once withdraw it."

Somewhat singularly, the *Morning Post*, Palmerston's old organ, which has never pretended to disguise its hostility to the United States, is the only daily paper which argues against the destruction of the treaty in case the United States should refuse to modify its claims. It says:

"We have no right to complain of the construction which the American government seeks to put on the treaty. The proper course for Her Majesty's government to take is to prepare in due course a reply to the case of the American government, leaving to the latter the opportunity to which it is undoubtedly entitled in equity, to reply after the lapse of two months. We have no right to call upon the tribunal to reject peremptorily, on motion, any claims, however preposterous, which may be put forward by the American government. The construction of the treaty and of everything connected with it has been referred by us as by the government of the United States to a special tribunal, and we, like our opponents, must be content to leave everything unreservedly in its hands."

The *Pall-Mall Gazette* (weekly), another old enemy, also considers our claim for indirect damages to be fairly included within the terms of the treaty—this, probably, not because it dislikes America less, but the British ministry more; while our quondam friend, the *Telegraph*, which at first treated the general alarm as unfounded, now characterizes our demands as astounding and obviously inadmissible. Referring to the report that these claims were inserted at the suggestion of Caleb Cushing, then on the eve of departure for Europe, it says:

"The audacious constructor of the claim is the likeliest man to undo it, without humbling the nation which has left the matter so much in his hands, and obtuse which will think little, if at all, the worse of him for having made a bid so inordinately high. And in any case it is matter for satisfaction to know that ere many days are past our representatives in this business of the arbitration will be able to treat face to face with the American politician who knows better than any other man how far the United States claims are really livid—and beyond what point it would be fatal to stretch them."

The *Economist*, after remarking that if the present attempt to restore harmony between the two countries should fail, no other effort will be likely to succeed for many years, still considers that the duty of England is plain, remarking—

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"We must give notice at once—if, indeed, notice has not been given already—to the arbitrators and to the American government that we repudiate the construction which has been put upon the treaty in the American case, and that we must withdraw from the arbitration if this construction be insisted upon. But, this point rectified, we are ready to go on with the reference with perfect loyalty to the terms of the treaty. * * * If the American government consent to reform their case, the arbitration may be happily concluded; if they insist on their interpretation of the convention, the arbitration cannot proceed."

The *Spectator* thinks nothing can be graver than the present situation of the arbitration question, and declares that:

"England cannot permit the claims commonly called indirect to be ever submitted to the Board of Arbitrators. We must not go into this arbitration trusting to any preconceived notion of our own as to what the good sense and moderation of the other set of arbitrators will do for us. We do not doubt at all that the court of arbitrators would put aside as simply extravagant at least nine-tenths of the American claims, but we have no right what ever to trust to this."

The *Saturday Review* does not hold the people of the United States responsible for what it terms the "hostile proceeding" of their Government, but thinks there is too much reason to fear that they will support its policy. It adds:

"It is satisfactory to observe that, for the first time in eleven years, all parties in England are absolutely of one mind on the merits of a controversy with America. The most enthusiastic supporters of the cause of the North during the civil war, the most devoted admirers of Republican institutions, concur in the determination to resist pretensions which can only have been advanced for the purposes of injury or insult."

The *Daily News* bitterly attacks Lord Granville for allowing the English Commissioners to sign a treaty which comprizes the interpretation of claims that "cannot for a moment be allowed by Her Majesty's government," and observes:

"Only one course is possible. The tribunal at Geneva was appointed not to interpret the treaty, but to adjudicate upon claims supposed to be distinctly indicated in it. Questions having arisen as to the meaning of the agreement, its scope and intention must be settled by further negotiations between the contracting parties before the arbitration under it is possible."

The *News* also says that the situation in which England finds herself placed, makes it pertinent to consider whether the constitutional tradition which reserves the treaty-making power in the English political system exclusively to the Sovereign, might not wisely be revised.

The *Standard* thinks the weak point in the case of Great Britain was the unfortunate omission of her Commissioners to disown a claim which it was an insult to her even to mention, and declares the English Government ought at once to say to that of the United States:

"You have misunderstood our intentions; your misinterpretation of language is different from our own. We thought we had only assented to refer some express claims to the arbitrators at Geneva. If our assent is capable of wider construction we insist at once withdraw it."

Somewhat singularly, the *Morning Post*, Palmerston's old organ, which has never pretended to disguise its hostility to the United States, is the only daily paper which argues against the destruction of the treaty in case the United States should refuse to modify its claims. It says:

"We have no right to complain of the construction which the American government seeks to put on the treaty. The proper course for Her Majesty's government to take is to prepare in due course a reply to the case of the American government, leaving to the latter the opportunity to which it is undoubtedly entitled in equity, to reply after the lapse of two months. We have no right to call upon the tribunal to reject peremptorily, on motion, any claims, however preposterous, which may be put forward by the American government. The construction of the treaty and of everything connected with it has been referred by us as by the government of the United States to a special tribunal, and we, like our opponents, must be content to leave everything unreservedly in its hands."

The *Pall-Mall Gazette* (weekly), another old enemy, also considers our claim for indirect damages to be fairly included within the terms of the treaty—this, probably, not because it dislikes America less, but the British ministry more; while our quondam friend, the *Telegraph*, which at first treated the general alarm as unfounded, now characterizes our demands as astounding and obviously inadmissible. Referring to the report that these claims were inserted at the suggestion of Caleb Cushing, then on the eve of departure for Europe, it says:

"The audacious constructor of the claim is the likeliest man to undo it, without humbling the nation which has left the matter so much in his hands, and obtuse which will think little, if at all, the worse of him for having made a bid so inordinately high. And in any case it is matter for satisfaction to know that ere many days are past our representatives in this business of the arbitration will be able to treat face to face with the American politician who knows better than any other man how far the United States claims are really livid—and beyond what point it would be fatal to stretch them."

The *Economist*, after remarking that if the present attempt to restore harmony between the two countries should fail, no other effort will be likely to succeed for many years, still considers that the duty of England is plain, remarking—

"We must at once give notice to the American government that we must have the treaty carried out in the sense in which we interpreted it, and in which by their silence they were more serious than at first supposed. In addition to flesh bruises, Ristori sustained a fracture of the knee pan which will render her unable to attend to her professional duties for a long time.

The Œcumenical Council Summoned Together Again.

ROME, February 20.—It is reported that on Sunday last the Pope signed a decree convoking the Œcumenical Council, the place of meeting to be either in the Island of Malta or in the Tyrol, as shall be hereafter determined, and that when the Council meets the Pope will leave Rome.

Miscellaneous Dispatches.

LONDON, February 20.—The announcement on Sunday of the killing of an American named Miner by a workingman proves to have been a mistake. It appears that Miner himself was the murderer. He was formerly a surgeon in the United States army. It is believed the prisoner is insane. Mr. J. Nunn, Vice Consul General at London, will attend the trial of the prisoner, and see that his interests are properly protected.

The workmen in the employ of Bass & Co. and Allsop & Sons, the well known brewers, have struck work.

It is reported that Viscount Lanck, who was Governor General of Canada from 1861 to 1868, will be appointed Viceroy of India to fill the vacancy caused by the assassination of Earl Mayo.

BERLIN, February 20.—The Emperor is much better to-day. He rallied sufficiently to transact business this morning.

VIENNA, February 20.—The Reichsrath, by a two-thirds majority, have passed a compulsory election bill, which will necessitate changes in the political system of the provinces, and is intended to bind them closer to the crown.

Marine News.

MOVILLE, February 20.—The steamship Europa, from New York, has arrived.

The Markets.

LONDON, February 20, 1872.—Consols, 92¼. American securities—5-20s, 92, 91¾; do '65, 92¾; do '67, 92¾; 10-40s 88¾.

FRANKFORT, February 20.—5-20s, 92, 95⅞.

PARIS, February 20.—Rentes 56f 47c.

LIVERPOOL, February 20.—Cotton steady; middling uplands 11¼d. Red winter wheat 11s 9d@12s; flour 25s@27s 6d.

ANTWERP, February 20.—Petroleum 44¾ francs.

ALDERMAN M'MASTER'S COURT.

A Heavy Criminal List for Yesterday.

Yesterday was a busy day at the office of Alderman Sand. McMasters, on Grant street near Fifth avenue.

Early in the morning the Magistrate was sent for to visit the county jail and take an information. The prosecutrix was Annie Purcell, an inmate of the institution, who charged Jennie Jackson with the larceny of a broche suit of the value of twenty-five dollars. Annie alleges that the suit was stolen from her late residence on Monongahela borough, otherwise Limerick. A warrant was issued.

Mary Cauley made an information against Samuel Humphries charging him with lewdness in exposing his person in the neighborhood of Everson & Preston's Mill. Samuel has been sent for.

John Harrison, a member of the Thirteenth ward school board, and a well known citizen, made an information against Jacob Manz, charging him with keeping a ferocious dog. The animal had attacked Mr. Harrison on Monday evening and torn an overcoat from his person. The owner of the brute will have to answer.

Jacob Meisel, ex-candidate for Mayor, lodged a charge of false pretenses against Henry Hennerick. Mr. Meisel alleges that the defendant sold him a horse for $100, which he warranted to be perfectly sound. When the animal came to the stable, however, it was discovered that it was ring-boned, spavined, wind broken and had the botts and the pole-evil. No wonder that Mr. Meisel now sues for the recovery of his money. The allegations made are true. A warrant was issued.

The necessary document was placed in the hands of officer Bicanin for arrest. James Herbester, charged by Frederick Hahn with selling liquor without a license at No. 37 Diamond alley.

Sarah Hastings complained that John Roxberry called at her house at an early hour yesterday morning and demanded admittance. This was denied him, whereupon he threatened to kick, beat and kill defendant's daughter if admittance was not granted. Sarah is afraid of the threats being put into execution and hence the information. Hearing to-day.

Nathan Snyder, of the city police, is charged with arresting without cause and maltreating Jack Heavy, who had a short experience at the lock-up. Mr. Snyder will no doubt report for it to-day.

George Watson, charged Wm. Hill, Justice of the Peace, at Mansfield, with embezzlement to the amount of forty dollars, which sum, belonging to deponent, is alleged to have been collected by defendant and appropriated to his own use. A warrant was issued and at the hearing the case may assume a different aspect, and the matter be satisfactorily explained.

The finished Mr. McMasters's criminal business, for yesterday, which was certainly extensive.

Thomas Bensinger, a German resident of Terre Haute, Indiana, was found on Tuesday, near that place, in a sitting posture on a log in the woods, with a bullet hole through his head, and apparently had been dead about a week. He is thought to have been murdered and placed in the position found.

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SECOND EDITION.

WASHINGTON.

Brilliant Scene in the Senate.

Schurz's Speech and Morton's Reply.

Letters of Indorsement Given to Remington.

SENATE TARIFF BILL COMPLETED.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 20, 1872.

The Scene in the Senate To-day.

Preceding and during Schurz's speech, has not been paralleled for many years. The public galleries, diplomatic and reporters' galleries were packed and crowds were packed in the aisles and protruded through the upper doors. Ladies were first admitted to the cloak rooms by direction of the Senate, then to the settees and chairs around the chamber, then to some of the Senators' seats, and last ranged on each side of the Vice President on the floor. Though the House was in

The Daily Commercial.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1872.

The report that Colonel Forney is to be Postmaster General lacks probability, in the light of his letter resigning the office of Collector less than twenty days ago. Should such a thing happen it would be pretty evident that the command "halt" had been given to him and he had obeyed it. Col. Forney, no doubt, possesses the qualifications for the position,—but can he afford to take it?

The Venango *Citizen* proposes Senator John Scott for Vice President, as the most acceptable candidate to Pennsylvania that can be named. "A scholar and statesman," says the *Citizen*, "of broad and liberal views, an undoubted Republican, and known for his honesty of purpose and integrity of character, nothing it seems to us could be done which would add more strength to the Republican party than for the National Convention to place his name on the ticket for the Vice Presidency."

In speculating on the possible outcome of the present misunderstanding between the United States and Great Britain, we sometime since expressed the opinion that the condition of home affairs in that country would hardly permit her to go to the length of declaring war. The Government's extremity would be the malcontent's opportunity, and it is not at all improbable that Great Britain would, in such an event, provoke a "fire in the rear," quite as dangerous as the fusilade which she would be likely to receive in front. That we are not alone in this view is shown by the following extract from that temperate and judicious English journal, the *Spectator*, which, speaking of the internal affairs of that country, says in a recent number—

"Flowdyism increases in every direction, till the right of public meeting, once supposed to be a bulwark of freedom, is not only threatened, but is gone. Monarchy is defended against Republicanism by cayenne pepper, Republicanism against respectability by chair-legs, the right to drink against the right to abstain by bags of flour. We confess, Radicals though we are, we watch the gradual pulverization of all the restraining influences except force, legal and illegal, with an increasing dismay."

Every man in either country who knows anything of the incalculable horrors and miseries of war, will of course be anxious that the difficulty may be honorably settled in a pacific manner; but even if England should so far persist in her wrongheadedness as to repudiate the treaty, she will hardly care to invite attack from without, with such dangerous elements of disintegration at work from within.

"On Friday the *Freiheit's Freund* said that the COMMERCIAL was the only paper in Pittsburgh which had not ridiculed the Germans, and that it had adopted the schoolmaster style and failed to understand the importance of the subject." In the foregoing sentence, from the Pittsburgh *Gazette* of yesterday, our venerable contemporary is about equally unjust to the paper criticizing and to the paper criticized. Referring solely to the manner in which German complaints touching the alleged Government traffic in arms with the French had been treated by the English press, the *Freiheit's Freund* incidentally remarked that the COMMERCIAL was the only English paper in this city which did not dismiss the German view of the question with derisive contempt, but at least deemed the subject worthy of discussion, though it was not convinced that the United States had offended against the spirit of international law. There was not a word in the *Freund's* reference to the COMMERCIAL about the schoolmaster style, non-comprehension of the subject, or anything of the sort. Indeed, the subject has seemed to us worthy of this brief mention, because we believe that whatever may be the faults of the COMMERCIAL, one of them is not a tendency to assert any measure of pedagogical or magisterial authority over either Germans or any other class of citizens.

A few days ago we made brief reference to the charge, which first appeared in a New York journal of great respectability and influence, that Baron Gerolt had been recalled from, or rather invited by his own Government to resign, his post in Washington, in accordance with the desire of the American Government. *The Illinois Staatszeitung* does not think it likely that the statement is well founded, and gives some reasons for refusing to accept such a charge against the Administration. Ever since the victory of Germany and the proclamation of the German empire, the Germans think that the United States Government has, by its friendliness of bearing, constantly endeavored to banish the evil impression produced in Germany by its traffic in arms. With this policy of the Administration its alleged request for Gerolt's recall on account of his excessive zeal in the German cause is not consistent. Moreover Bismarck is not the ninny on so incompetent a summons to sacrifice a faithful old servant of Prussia and Germany like Gerolt, especially as he well knew how much Gerolt is beloved among the great majority of the American people. The *Zeitung* thinks it much more likely that Baron Gerolt retired from his post on his own impulse, in the mere desire to spend the evening of his life on his beautiful estate on the Rhine. This impression is, it seems, quite in harmony with the gentle, easy going, genial character of the old gentleman.

We sincerely trust that the view of the subject taken by the *Staatszeitung* may prove to be correct. Certainly the original charge seemed in itself so improbable as to meet with acceptance only in connection with, or in view of those eccentricities which rightly or wrongly are associated in some minds with the State Department under its present management. The charge was heard of with indignant disgust by all who know either directly or by repute the noble and generous character of Baron Gerolt, and the dignified and blameless manner in which for so many years he fulfilled the duties of his office in Washington.

Many readers, no doubt, remember when they felt a lively interest in the doings of Abd-el-Kader. They recall his long and sometimes brilliant campaigns against the French in Africa, and his last defeat and surrender. Few foreign visitors to the great Industrial Exposition of 1855 created a greater sensation than the old Emir, whose residence in retirement at Brussa, in Syria, had just been destroyed by the earthquake which buried the city. Then in the summer of 1860, when so many Christians in Syria were massacred by Druses and Turks, Abd-el-Kader proved by his acts that even a Mussulman, who has made the pilgrimage to Mecca and wears the title of Hadji, can rise above his faith and rescue Christians from their Mohammedan persecutors. For his conduct at that time he received from the French Emperor the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor. Ever since Louis Napoleon came into power Abd-el-Kader has been treated with great kindness and consideration by the French Government, and he appears very grateful. But as he draws a pension of 100,000 francs from the French Government it is not easy to tell whether his continued loyalty is due to favors received or to the hope of favors to come. In the late revolt in Algiers one of his sons, Mohi-ed-Dinek, was very prominent. When he was arrested the French Government wrote to Abd-el-Kader that they would pardon the son, if his father would stand security for his future good behavior. In his reply the Emir hopes that the deplorable condition into which his son has brought himself by his rebellion will be a sufficient guaranty for the future. In conclusion he says, "I have not courage to dwell at greater length on the subject, for I am very much ashamed of the conduct of Mohi-ed-Dine, who has confirmed the sayings of the sage, 'the ignorant man does against himself that which the intelligent man would not do against his enemy.'"

It is an interesting illustration of the elasticity of the Mussalman creed that Abd-el-Kader, in spite of his long residence in France, of his familiarity with Christian ideas, and of his power to sympathize with Christian acts, is still a staunch believer in the Koran. So recently as 1863 he made a second pilgrimage to Mecca.

Not only all who wish well to France, but all who are capable of sympathizing with patriotic enthusiasm, must feel some interest in the French popular movement for the liquidation of the German debt and for the delivery of the country from German occupation. During the last two years legitimate hopes founded on French character and performance have so often been grievously disappointed that among Americans the movement referred to has hitherto attracted less attention than might have been expected; in fact, it was at first watched with a degree of skepticism equally fatal to sympathy and admiration. At length it may be considered as fairly inaugurated and as giving assurance of success. The scheme was first suggested and, indeed, initiated by certain women in Alsace, who formed a Committee to receive contributions and subscriptions however small for transmission to the Government. The women of Paris at once took up and begun to act upon the suggestion, and the example was speedily followed not only throughout France, but among French people in the colonies and in foreign countries. Twenty-one journals of Paris without delay gave their influence to the support of the scheme, and at last accounts ninety-six provincial journals had taken up the cause with like fervor. More eloquent or touching appeals on behalf of any object have seldom appeared than some of those issued by prominent writers in aid of the subscriptions, and the enthusiasm of patriotism and liberality seems to be steadily growing. Ladies give freely from the abundance of their pin money; mothers of families give up luxuries and superfluities to save for the fund; workmen in the factories and porters in the warehouses set aside a portion of their slender daily wages, and little boys and girls appropriate their pocket money for the redemption of their country. Within a few days after the plan was laid before the French in New York, the contributions amounted to more than five thousand dollars, and arrangements are made for a weekly contribution to increase the sum. In France the amounts given in some of the cities by women and children and by people in humble circumstances are astonishing. Indeed the whole movement is marked by a fine enthusiasm which by itself proves how mistaken those are who consider the French people hopelessly deteriorated and effete. It is a great sum to be raised, but the Scotch saying, "many mickles make a muckle," is probably destined to be illustrated in a very striking way by the results of this patriotic movement.

ASSASSINATION IN INDIA.

Late reports mention intense excitement as prevailing in India in consequence of the assassination of the Governor General. In view of the political and social importance of the murdered man, such a statement may seem to some almost meaningless unless the word excitement be understood in the sense of alarm. And doubtless many both in India and elsewhere do interpret the incident as a sign of peril to the British Indian empire, or as a forerunner of a renewal of the struggle for its possession. Foregoing events have tended to increase the significance of the occurrence, especially in the minds of those who have no very distinct notions of Indian geography, or of the constituent elements of the population of the country, of their relations to one another, and of the agencies by which the English maintain their power. People lastly call to mind the late mutiny of the Sepoy sepoy regiments in the Indian army, and the hardly suppressed revolt of the Looshai tribes, and readily connect the recent crime of a Mussulman fanatic with the same spirit of disaffection. A famous Anglo-Indian official, once asked by a native prince which of all Indian fruits was most agreeable to his palate, repeated a word which denoted a rather mean sort of plum, but also meant internal discord. The Rajah, though shocked at the Englishman's taste, greatly admired his wisdom. It is morally impossible for the Hindoos ever to combine for a common object, and it is only from the Mohammedans that the English have anything to fear. But of a population of one hundred and eighty millions, only about thirty millions are followers of the Prophet. There can be no doubt that they have always regarded Christian rule with dislike. In the Koran and in all traditional ordinances for the regulation of life and practice it is assumed that Mussulmans live under a Mussulman government. It is therefore easy to find religious arguments in favor of rebellion against a Christian government, and for more than fifty years Mohammedans of the Wahabee sect have been preaching and intriguing to arouse the faithful in India to throw off the English yoke. However, the mass of Mussulmans, like the mass of Christians, are quite contented to live below the spiritual privileges promised and the sanctity enjoined by their religion, and desire nothing more than to possess the good things of this life, with such measure of activity in the concerns of the life to come as may enable them to die in reasonable peace. Hence for the most part the Wahabee agitators have seemed to labor almost in vain, the difficulty of their mission being much increased by the manifest indifference with which the English in India looked upon all religions, and by the liberality with which they tolerated Mohammedan usages. In the Punjab, fiercely persecuted by the Sikhs from the beginning of the Sikh ascendancy, the Mohammedans found themselves suddenly placed on an equality with their persecutors as soon as the English annexed the country. This liberality, however, never disarmed or cooled the Wahabee fanatics, who have never ceased to toil assiduously in the cause of a *jehad*, or holy war against the British, and from their headquarters at Sitana, near the upper Indus, they have kept the Hill Tribes in a state of chronic hostility to English rule. In the great mutiny of 1857 they were also busy, but how much they had to do in causing it has never been told, or ascertained. Since the suppression of the great mutiny they are known to be more active than ever before, while certain changes in British policy suggested by that event are said to have rendered common Mussulmans more accessible to their appeals. Just as before the rebellion, English officials used to act as trustees of the funds provided for the maintenance of idolatrous worship in the Hindoo temples, the English Government also appointed persons to the interpretation and administration of certain Mohammedan laws for the professors of that faith. By the abolition of these customs both Hindoos and Mussulmans were displeased, but while the former have found ample compensation in their enlarged participations in the government of the country, the latter are offended both by the refusal to appoint *cazees*, and by the fact that they, true believers, worshippers of one God, are governed not only by Christian infidels, but by Hindoo idolators. Not that Mohammedans are excluded from a share in the Government, but the Hindoos are so much more numerous and so much more disposed to qualify themselves for the English service that the admission of natives to a share in the administration of the country has quite thrown the people of the prophet into the back ground. But the change which has alienated them, has conciliated the Hindoos, and in spite of many grounds of disaffection the English are probably more firmly established in India than ever before. While the Sikhs of the Punjab remain contented and loyal, British rule in India is in no serious peril from Mohammedan intrigues or attempts. The policy of assassinations, however, become a fashion or a habit, and directed against people situated as the English are in India, may well be regarded with extreme anxiety. Living as foreigners live there, it would seem in the power of a few hundred, or even a few dozen fanatics, such as are found there in thousands, either to make life a burden to the English residents or to change their whole style of intercourse with the natives.

The singular propensity of persons of a missionary turn of mind to seek foreign rather than home fields for the exercise of their gifts and activities, was curiously illustrated in New York the other day, at a public meeting called to consider the important question "What could be done to lessen the swelling volume of crime." Hon. M. C. Kerr, a Democrat member of Congress from Indiana, was one of the principal orators of the occasion. Mr. Kerr's district includes Clarke county, notorious for its lawlessness, and the scene of certain late murderous outrages whose recital shocked the entire country. An Indiana paper sometime ago declared the whole State had been covered with a mantle of disgrace by the crimes of Mr. Kerr's constituents, and it is said that the county judge of Clarke county, in a recent charge to the grand jury, stated that sixteen men had been hung by mobs in Kerr's district within six years, more than had been judicially executed throughout the entire State during that time. In view of these facts it will occur to most people that Mr. Kerr would do well to devote some slight attention to "the volume" of crime at his own doors. There seem, indeed, to be several volumes of it. But perhaps he proposes to run for Congress again, and fears to reduce his majority.

A movement is going on inside the Methodist Church to abolish or reform the itineracy. At a recent meeting of Methodist preachers in New York, a modification of the rule was called for so as to make it competent for bishops to continue pastors in their charges longer than three years, in cases where there may seem to be sufficient reason for so doing, on the ground that the short terms discouraged clergymen from undertaking important pastoral duties; because they knew that they would not be permitted to follow them up and witness their consummation.

Henry Ward Beecher is reported to have lately said in a sermon that it was as much the business of every man to vote as to say his prayers, feeling sure that "this beloved country is worth all the time, all the effort we can give it." In this the eloquent preacher is doubtless right, but if the voting classes of the country were limited to its praying classes, it is probable the falling off in the exercise of the elective franchise would astonish not a few of the church goers themselves.

Governor Seward, in conversation with a friend a few days since, said he felt no concern or apprehension about the present commotion in England growing out of the present phase of the Alabama claims. He had no doubt about England's being willing and anxious to settle our bill peaceably, on our terms, at no distant day. She cannot, as he believes, afford to do otherwise, and is sensible enough to realize that her interest lies that way.

When the present administration came into power, a $100 United States bond was worth $82 82 in gold; it is now worth $101 in gold. This advance has added to the value of the bonds, largely held by those who loaned their money to their country in the darkest days of the war, $358,017,411. Is "passivism" likely to do anything better than this?

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

Some months ago a citizen of New Jersey, while searching for minerals in the mountains of Warren county, stumbled upon a woodchuck hole and fell to the ground. He found around the mouth of the hole what, upon investigation, proved to be mica. He bought the property. The deposit of mica is found in one solid mass, fourteen feet wide, in continuous layers like roof slating, and is dug out in large square blocks, which may be split up into innumerable pieces. The only other mica mine known to exist in the United States is in North Carolina.

Here is a new method of engraving on glass. A photograph is first taken on the glass, using a film of gelatine and bichromate of potash; after washing off the portions of the film unacted on by the light, the plate is subjected to a sand blast, by which the unprotected portions are cut away, leaving every line of the engraving reproduced with perfect accuracy.

A New England engineer lately dreamed that one of the forward trucks of his engine was cracked. When he awoke he had a premonition lest his dream might prove true, and thought he would go down to see that everything was right. On examining the engine at the engine house, he found the truck precisely in the same condition as he had seen it in his dream, and another engine had to be substituted in its stead.

A Philadelphia hatter, lately established in Madras, has written home for a large consignment of stove-pipe hats for the use of the idols of the natives.

The Iowa Legislature has unanimously passed a bill for the encouragement of the planting of shade and fruit trees, and amending the old law on the subject, by making provision for a proportionate rebate of tax for every half or quarter mile so planted.

A very novel business has sprung up at Fremont, Ohio, this winter—that of quarrying sand from the river bed. When the river froze up the water was low, and the intense cold has frozen it to the bottom, and for several inches the sand is as hard as sand-stone. All that persons who intend to build have to do is to engage teams and hands and help themselves. It is said to have been a saving of many hundreds, even thousands, of dollars to those who intend to build next spring and summer.

It is said that the Italian government has proposed to the other governments of Europe an international law for the protection of birds. In no country are the people so destructive of birds as the Italians, who hunt, kill and eat even nightingales, and now folks begin to think that it is time this thing should stop. For this purpose it is proposed to adopt as a basis of an international law the Austrian, which very properly sends to jail boys who rob birds' nests either of eggs or young birds.

Will they never learn wisdom? Another general strike is said to be contemplated by the various New York Workingmen's Unions. A circular is about to be issued calling on the various trade societies of that State to enforce the eight hours' law. For this purpose it is recommended that the first of April next will be the best time to put the plan in practice. Trade organizations are invited to send delegates to determine which society shall strike first.

PERSONAL.

A Cape of Good Hope paper of the 19th of January professes to have received authentic intelligence of Dr. Livingstone, through Dr. Kirk, of Johanna, under date of November 3d of last year, who was reported to have received letters from Livingstone, then at Ujiji, and in good health. The paper believes in the truthfulness of the report.

The report that Duke Alexis has married Mademoiselle Jonkofsky, the maid of honor to whom he is said to have long been attached, is revived, and creates considerable confusion in official circles at St. Petersburg.

Julian Hawthorne, son of the New England thought-wizard, is said to be at work on his first novel. Its scene is laid among the Berkshire hills. This young writer has already made himself a reputation by his short tales, some of which are a good deal in his father's vein.

Mierovitch is the most recent tenor discovered. He was a Russian street mendicant when Pauline Lucca picked him up a few months ago.

Wachtel will remain in America until January 1, 1873. It was the contract when he left the royal opera troupe in Berlin that he should be back in time to dedicate the new grand opera house in that city on the 30th inst., but such had been his remarkable triumph in America that permission was given him to continue his stay here for eleven months longer.

It is said that the proceeds of the recent sales of Louis Napoleon's property are finding their way all through France. One rumor is that the ex-Empress's jewels have been converted into 350,000 Chassepots taken by the Prussians, and that these arms have been conveyed to the Communists.

The Emperor of Russia is reported to be very much chagrined by the conduct of his son, the Czarewitch, who takes every opportunity to express his dislike of Germans, and has repeatedly behaved in the most offensive manner towards Prince Reuss, the German Ambassador at St. Petersburg, and even towards higher representatives of the German nation.

The English Premier, Gladstone, who fills so large a space in the American mind at present, is sixty-three years of age. More than thirty years ago, when he was quite a young man, Macaulay said of him, that "whatever he sees he refracted and distorted by a false medium of passions and prejudices." The power of this "false medium of passions and prejudices" to "refract" and "distort" matters coming within its range was remarkably exhibited in Gladstone's comments upon the "Alabama claims." What but intense passions and inveterate prejudices could have led him to characterize them as preposterous and absurd? His old Oxford, aristocratic, High Church proclivities and education cropped out unmistakably in the wholesale condemnation of the "case" presented by the American Government.

Mrs. Jane G. Swisshelm preached in the Congregational Church, Columbus, Ohio, Sunday evening last, on "Women in the Church." She had a large audience, and her discourse is said to have been heartily appreciated.

Col. Forney dined with the President at the White House on Sunday evening.

It is pretty generally known that the ex-Empress of France, particularly toward the close of the Empire, was in close sympathy with the ultramontanists at Rome; but that she was in any degree responsible for the Franco-Prussian war has not ordinarily been supposed. Yet if the statements recently made by a Berlin correspondent of the Cologne *Gazette* be correct, her agency in this affair was by no means slight. Some of the members of the late Ecumenical Council has recorded (so the correspondent avers), that the Empress and her clerical advisers, who represented the party which was then dominant at the Vatican, hoped to promote by a war the policy inaugurated by the Council and the Papal syllabus which preceded it. In the prosecution of this policy the Empress, he states, was in constant communication with Rome, through the medium of her Court Confessor; and that, particularly after the departure of the Emperor to the front, the Empress, who then assumed the supreme power as regent, exhibited the utmost eagerness in urging on the war. The participation of other court confessors in the ultramontane programme was also reckoned upon, and it is said that if the victories of Wissembourg, Woerth and Spicheren had not so rapidly succeeded each other, the calculations made at the Vatican and Tuileries for bringing about a coalition of the Catholic Powers against Germany would perhaps not have proved fallacious.

Here is a matter which possesses considerable practical interest for everybody. At a recent meeting of a scientific society in New York, a member produced a pamphlet with a green cover, containing, as he showed, arsenic enough to kill several persons. Two hundred thousand copies of the pamphlet had, he said, been circulated. Another member exhibited another work with a similar covering, and showed that this green paper was largely used by publishers. The fact was also referred to that the color was found in window curtains, boxes, paperfor walls, and in many articles of wearing apparel. While, as if to add proof of proof of the deadly character of all green pigments, even as we write our eye has fallen upon the report of a case in which a citizen of Iowa has suffered throughout the winter from the effects of poison absorbed in his system last Fall through a pair of heavy bots lined with green. His entire body has been swollen and covered with small eruptions—the result of verdigris in the boot lining. Let it be remembered that arsenic is the basis of all green pigments, and let them be carefully avoided accordingly.

Not the least interesting of the many odd things which are likely to be unearthed by the recent movement for the payment of the French spoliation claims is the extraordinary demand of the New Haven Insurance Company. This corporation, of which, in all probability, few, if any, of our readers have ever heard, and with which not many of our insurance men are acquainted, was organized when the business of insurance was in its infancy in Connecticut, and, indeed, all over the country. It continued in active operation for a few years only when the outbreak of the the French war, with the great loss thereby entailed upon the commercial marine of the country, compelled it to suspend business altogether. Since that time a few of the stockholders, with commendable perspicacity, have continued to hold annual meetings and elect officers for the sole purpose of keeping the company alive in the hope that at some time or other something might be realized on these claims.

NATIONAL POLITICS.

The President's Opportunity.

(From the Boston Advertiser.)

The opponents of the administration have determined to test to the utmost the stuff of which it is made. Up to this time Republican opponents have taken the lead in exposing its weak places, and in provoking suspicions where no just causes for suspicion exist. Those who believe in its integrity, and have confidence in the devotion of its members to the highest welfare of the country, have no reason to complain of this. They have, on the contrary, every reason to be proud that in all cases where charges have been preferred or investigations have been sought, the Executive Department of the Administration has either anticipated them or has co-operated with committees of Congress to make such investigations prompt, impartial and complete. Though most unjustly attacked by their enemies and sadly embarrassed by their friends, the President and the members of his Cabinet, while making no display of their methods of administering their varied and great trusts, and never vindicating themselves before the public, except as they are vindicated by their character and lives, have welcomed and aided, where they have not anticipated, every practicable effort to unmask dishonesty and drive it from the public service. And we do no more than justice to the motives, while we do not agree with the policy, of those members of Congress who have deprecated indiscriminate and sweeping investigations upon vague charges, in saying that they have done so in order to stop the spread of false notions of public corruption, and not from any purpose or desire on their part to hide the truth.

And there is no more striking evidence of the strength of the public confidence in the administration than the fact that the powerful opposition it has encountered and still encounters, at Washington and in some of the leading cities, has done so little in the country at large toward undermining it. We make no account of the Democratic opposition. That is inevitable, and whether it makes its appearance openly and boldly, or in the disguise of a passive policy, its purpose is the same, and is equally to be resisted. Nor do we make much account of that floating and nebulous opposition which, though nominally Republican, is constitutionally critical, and looks upon fault-finding as an evidence and manifestation of friendship. But we have especially in mind the steady, powerful, and, in some respects adroit opposition, coming from sources entitled to a high degree of respect, which under ordinary circumstances would be accepted as representing the public sentiment in no small measure, and would attract and fix surrounding opinions as to a magnet. The New York *Tribune*, for example, at the East, and the Chicago *Tribune* at the West, Mr. Sumner and Carl Schurz in the United States Senate, the so-called reform organizations in Ohio and Missouri, types of widely different opinions, but agreeing in their avowed and active opposition, are the representatives of this phase of political activity. Of course, they profess to seek only a different leadership for the Republican party, with the hope of introducing more elevated sentiments and a purer tone into the administration of the government. But the effect of their qualified opposition is to discredit the entire *morale* of the public service, and to unjustly degrade the government in the eyes of the world.

Yet for obvious reasons they have not materially affected the general belief in the wisdom with which the administration has dealt with all great questions, and in the integrity of purpose and good judgment with which it has in the main discharged the miserable and thankless office of dispensing public patronage. Leaders of new movements and agitators for new parties have sometimes encouraged themselves with reflection that the defeat of a strong candidate, like the President, may be compassed by a small defection if it is well distributed—as Van Buren was laid on the shelf in 1840, through the desertion of a handful of conservative democrats, who dissented from his financial measures, as Clay was defeated in 1844 by the defection of anti-slavery whigs in New York and Pennsylvania, as Cass was defeated by the barnburners' revolt in 1848, and as the seeds of dissolution were sown in the whig party during the same stormy campaign. But they forget the bolters and new party men abandoned their party organizations for the sake of defeating them, and adopted the means which they thought would be most effectual to that end. It is not so now. There is not in the lists of the so-called "reform" Republicans a statesman, or even a politician known to fame who would allow the impression to go abroad that he desired the defeat of the Republican party at the next election under any conceivable circumstance, or was indifferent to the issues of a struggle which might lead to that result. Mr. Sumner is certainly not of that number. Mr. Greeley and Mr. Trumbull are not. They have not been familiar with political history for a generation, and in the midst of things the greater part of that time, to abandon the field now to those who stand, as they have always done, in the path of every great and heroic measure which they deem vital to the happiness and welfare of the nation.

While we believe that in the present temper of the country the President's renomination and re-election are inevitable, and that opposition within the Republican ranks will be disarmed at no distant day through regard for the national interests which transcend all personal preferences, it is in the President's power to hasten the disarming by recognizing and removing the one cause for criticism which the late investigations have revealed. Men who have abused his confidence and compromised the honor of his administration are still daunting his commission in the face of the communities they have outraged. Let him withdraw his protection from them, and strike home.

The Columbus *Statesman* prints a letter from Washington, written by a leading Ohio Democrat, who understands so well that the Cincinnati May Convention will do as follows: "Amnesty, subordination of the military to the civil authority, the preservation of local self-government, a tariff for revenue only, civil service reform, and a burial of *dead issues*, will be the watch-words under which all will be invited to rally who love country more than party. Provision will be made to call a convention after Grant's nomination on the 5th of June next, and all of those indorsing the national reform movement, at which candidates for President and Vice President will be nominated, with a view to uniting all the elements of the party so as to secure the triumph of the policy of reform at the coming Presidential election. Judge Davis, of Illinois, for President, with Gov. Parker, of New Jersey, or Gratz Brown, of Missouri, for Vice President, are most prominently named."

Mr. Sumner's Source of Information About the Sale of Ordnance.

[From the Springfield Republican.]

It is believed that Mr. Sumner's chief source of information, beyond public rumor and a general knowledge of the facts, which many persons have had, was a French gentleman, the Marquis de Chambrun, who has resided in this country for some years, and is now connected with the French Legation at Washington. He has long been a friend of Mr. Sumner's, and has also been intimate at the State Department; indeed, he is said to be the translator of the American "case" into French—a work which was very well done. Mr. Fish and his friends now complain that Chambrun, who represents the French government in the matter, and is desirous of finding out who has got the millions of money which Gambetta's agents raised, has obtained a bundle of evidence to Mr. Sumner instead of leaving them at the State Department. But it will probably appear, as Mr. Sumner intimates, that Chambrun appealed in vain to Mr. Fish for attention to the matter, and finally desired Mr. Sumner to bring it before the Senate.

From recently published figures it appears that Portugal has not for thirty years had a budget which did not exhibit a deficit. It is stated, indeed, that for ten years past Portugal has, on an average, been exceeding her income by $3,500,000 a year. The public debt, which was $100,000,000 in 1854, had increased to $258,000,000 in 1867; and, in the teeth of this, trade was terribly decreased in several branches. The commerce of Portugal is almost exclusively with Great Britain, and of this principle wine. This has, for some years past, shown a decided decline. In 1865 the value of wine exported to England was $1,145,134; in 1869 it had fallen by steady annual diminution to $281,656.

We have now an official statement that the land grants made by Congress to States, for internal improvements, amount, during twenty years, to 69,500,000 acres, beginning with 2,500,000 to Illinois in 1852, for the Central Railroad. Kansas and Minnesota have each received over 9,000,000 acres. Iowa 6,000,000, Wisconsin and Louisiana over 5,000,000 each. These are the largest grants to States. The several Pacific Railroads have received 148,000,000 acres. Is it not almost time to stop giving away these immense areas of the people's land for purposes as speculative as useful? The policy is certainly questionable, and certainly productive of a great deal of corruption. The secret history of these land grants would be both interesting and humiliating.

The vital statistics of New York city show its death rate to be greater than that of any other city in the country, except New Orleans. During the year 1870 there died in New York the great number of 27,153 persons—equal to the total population of many a city which holds itself in high esteem. This gave New York a death rate per thousand of 28.8. Philadelphia, whose death the same year footed up 15,347, showed a death rate of only 22.73. Boston, with 9,433, Chicago 24.5; New Orleans, leading the list, was 36.25; London was 24.; Liverpool, 31.1; Dublin, 24.; Edinburgh, 26.3. These statistics are interesting.

The production of pig iron in the United States for the year 1871, is estimated at 1,850,000 tons—anthracite pig iron, 863,000 tons; raw coal and coke pig iron, 600,000 tons; charcoal pig iron, 387,000 tons. The number of operators employed in producing iron is about 140,000, and the number engaged in manufacturing articles of iron, 800,000. The value of the product is placed thus: Value of pig iron, $75,000,000; value of rolling mills and forges, $138,000,000; value of articles manufactured of iron, $687,000,000; total value of iron for the year, $900,000,000.

The Illinois Legislature is proceeding with its good work of politico-social reform, having supplemented its stringent liquor law with a statue against gambling, making it a crime punishable with a fine of not less than one hundred dollars for the first offense, five hundred and imprisonment for six months for the second, and for the third a fine of five hundred and imprisonment for not less than two years. The law applies to keepers and frequenters of gambling houses alike.

Successful Trial of a Road Steamer.

(From the Philadelphia North American, February 16.)

A trial was made at the Navy Yard Wednesday afternoon of the first road steamer ever invented and manufactured in this country. It hauled a large gun a considerable distance, and in a little while hoisted aboard the Powhatan a number of heavy guns.

The steamer is called the America, and closely resembles the hind portion of the fire steam engines now in use in this city. It has two driving wheels and a small guiding wheel in front, which is attached to a brake. The diameter of the driving-wheel is about sixty-six inches; the diameter of the guide-wheel thirty-one inches. The boiler is thirty-eight inches in diameter by six feet three inches in length. The total length of the machine is about ten feet. The extreme width of the track is seventy-six inches. The breadth of the faces of the driving-wheels is ten inches, and that of the guide-wheel six inches. The capacity of the water tank is 250 gallons. The fuel-bunkers carry hard coal for ten hours' labor. The cylinders are seven by twelve inches. The total weight is from 7,000 to 8,000 pounds.

Four Millions of Invalids.

At the lowest computation there are never less than four millions of invalids in the United States. Of this number probably more than three-fifths have neglected the ordinary precautions necessary for the preservation of health, and are suffering the punishment due to their carelessness. If the multitudes who are now afflicted with biliousness, indigestion, rheumatism, intermittent fever, irregularities of the bowels, general debility, nervous disorders, &c., had, at the very first symptoms of indisposition, invigorated, regulated and purified their systems with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, two-thirds of them would at this moment be performing the active duties of life, unannoyed by any ailment of the body or the mind.

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ELISHA W. RIDDLE,
Executor of E. W. Cook, deceased.
Pittsburgh, January 15, 1872.

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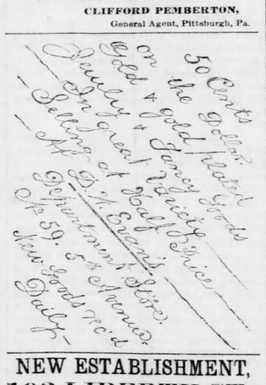

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FINANCE AND TRADE

TUESDAY EVENING, February 20, 1872.

—The market for the day has been quiet, with no pressing demand for money on the part of borrowers. As Tuesday is the "off" day of the week, when the volume of business is generally light, occasion is taken to put everything to rights inside the bank counters, and to clear up the odds and ends which will accumulate on the cashier's desk.

—In general trade circles price lists are being completed and the spring campaign, on the part of wholesale dealers, will soon open. The "commercial missionaries" are taking wing for the west, with intent to convert unbelievers to their views. The indications are that we will have an active demand for Pittsburgh specialties, Merchant iron having been advanced throughout the entire list of sizes. Large orders are reported from the West and South, sufficient to keep the mills fully occupied during the season.

Our large dry goods houses report an advance in all foreign goods over prices of a year ago. This seems to arise from the fact that at the time of the war between France and Germany foreign houses were determined to clear out their stock at any rate, hence large quantities of goods found their way here and greatly depressed the market. Many of the best productions of both countries were sold at less than the cost of production, mills were stopped and the operators called into the military service.

The war is over, but the disorganization in the large producing countries still continues. Manufactories then adapted to military purposes have to be remodelled, and the working hands reorganized; in the meantime the stock has run down or been exhausted, so that the demand now runs prices to a higher figure than before the war.

The advance in Pennsylvania Central is attributed to a rumored scrip dividend of twenty per cent.

—The following stocks were sold last evening, by A. McIlwaine, auctioneer, at his stock salesrooms, 106 Smithfield street:

City Bank	$53 50
Allegheny Gas Co	25 00
Allegheny Cemetery	50 00
Ewalt Street Bridge	40 00
Pittsburgh Forge and Iron Co	106 75

—Messrs. Ira B. McVay & Co. report the following quotations of Government bonds in New York to-day, as furnished them by Jay Cooke & Co., their correspondents:

	Morning.	Noon.	Closing.
U. S. Bonds of 1881	114¾	115¼	115¼
U. S. Bonds of 1864	110¾	110¾	110¾
U. S. Bonds of 1865	110¾	110¾	110¾
U. S. Bonds of 1865 (new)	110¾	110¾	110¾
U. S. Bonds of 1867	111¾	111¾	111¾
U. S. Bonds of 1868	112	112	112
5-20s	110¾	110¾	110¾
New 5s	110¾	110¾	110¾
10-40s	110¾	110¾	110¾
Currency 6s	114¾	114	114¾

—James T. Brady & Co., corner of Fourth avenue and Wood street, quote United States securities in New York to-day as follows:

Old	110¾
United States 6s of 1881	115¼
United States 5-20s of 1862	110¾
United States 5-20s of 1864	110¾
United States 5-20s of 1865	110¾
United States 10-40s	111¾
United States 5-20s, January and July, 1865	111¾
United States 5-20s, January and July, 1867	111¾
United States 5-20s, January and July, 1868	112
Union Pacific Railroad	106¾
Central Pacific Railroad	114¾
Currency Pacifics	114¾

We repeat our notice that all commercial paper maturing on the 22d must be paid on the 21st.

The postal telegraph bill now before Congress is of interest to holders of Pacific & Atlantic stock. If that bill should become law, and the government buy all existing lines, there is certainly a handsome turn in Pacific & Atlantic stock. We understand some strong parties are quietly picking up whatever stock is floating around, at a nominal figure. The influence of this Congressional movement has put Western Union from 40 some months ago to 70 in anticipation of the government purchasing. The point" is given that it will yet go to par.

—The following table shows the prices of railway stocks, gold, etc., at the various sessions of the New York Stock Exchange during the day:

	10:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	12:30 P.M.	1:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	3:00 P.M.
February 20, 1872.						
Gold	110⅞	110⅞	110⅛	110⅛	110⅛	110⅛
Canton						
Pacific Union Tel	69	68¾	69¼	69¼	69¼	
Mariposa		68¾	68¾	68¾	68¾	
Pacific Mail	66¾	66¾	66¾	66¾	66¾	
Adams Express		67	67	67¾		
Wells, Fargo Ex		67	67	67¾		
American Express		64¾	64¾	64¾		
United States Ex		64¾	64¾	64¾		
New York Central	97¾	97¾	97¾	97¾	97¾	97¾
N. Y. Central scrip	92¾	92¾	92¾	92¾	92¾	92¾
Erie	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾
Erie preferred	61	61	61	61	61	61
Hudson	111¾	111¾	111¾	111¾	111¾	111¾
Harlem	128	128	128	128	128	128
Harlem preferred	134	134	134	134	134	134
Reading	114¾	114¾	114¾	114¾	114¾	114¾
Michigan Central	113	113	113	113	113	113
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	90¾	90¾	90¾	90¾	90¾	90¾
Northwestern	75¾	75¾	75¾	75¾	75¾	75¾
Northwestern preferred	90	90	90	90	90	90
Rock Island	111¾	111¾	111¾	111¾	111¾	111¾
Fort Wayne	97¾	97¾	97¾	97¾	97¾	97¾
Ohio & Mississippi	45	44¾	44¾	44¾	44¾	44¾
Illinois Central	125	125	125	125	125	125
Illinois Central leased	113	113	113	113	113	113
Cleveland & Toledo	111¾	111¾	111¾	111¾	111¾	111¾
Chicago & Rock Island	111¾	111¾	111¾	111¾	111¾	111¾
Union Pacific	37¾	37¾	37¾	37¾	37¾	37¾
	11:30 A.M.		1:30 P.M.			
Tennessee State bonds	66¾		66¾			
New	32¾		33¾			
South Carolina, July	32¾		33¾			
South Carolina, April	34¾		34¾			
Tennessee sixes	66¾		66¾			

—The gold deposits at the United States Mint for the month of January were to the amount of $118,128, and the silver deposits and purchases in the same time $156,696 25—total of coin deposits, $274,824 25. The gold coinage for the month was $651,000 gold bars, $5,211 14; silver coinage, $285,637 42, and fractional coinage, three silver pieces, $3. The total number of pieces coined was 1,147,640, of the value of $936,637 56.

—The Philadelphia *Times* gives the following points of commercial law:

It is not legally necessary to say on a note "for value received."

A note dated on Sunday is void.

A note obtained by fraud, or from a person in a state of intoxication, cannot be collected.

If a note be lost or stolen, it does not release the maker; he must pay it.

An indorser of a note is exempt from liabilities if not served with notice of its dishonor within twenty-four hours of its non-payment.

A note by a minor is void.

Notes bear interest only when so stated.

Principals are responsible for the acts of their clerks.

Each individual in a partnership is responsible for the whole amount of the debts of the firm.

Ignorance of the law excuses no one.

It is a fraud to conceal a fraud.

The law compels no one to do impossibilities.

An agreement without consideration is void.

Signatures made with a lead pencil are good in law.

A receipt for money paid is not legally conclusive.

The acts of one partner bind all the others.

Contracts made on Sunday cannot be enforced.

A contract made with a minor is void.

A contract with a lunatic is void.

—Messrs. Bowen & Fox, brokers and members of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, furnish the following quotations of the leading prices to-day of the most active stocks:

Penn's Central	63¾
Lehigh Valley R. R.	62¾
Little Schuylkill R. R.	26½
Camden and Amboy	126
Schuylkill Navigation	16
Reading	57¾

PRODUCE AND GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, TUESDAY, February 20, 1872.

REMARKS—We see no necessity for extended remarks on the state of the markets. In groceries, bacon, lard oil, mince meat, cheese and fruits there have been some slight changes, which will be found noted under the proper headings. The prices of all other leading articles remain unchanged. The market cannot be reported an active one, though a fair amount of business is being transacted for the season. The rivers are still closed with ice, which seems to depress the markets. The weather, however, is warm and pleasant, and hopes are again revived for an early resumption of navigation.

Below we give the wholesale rates of the market, unless otherwise noted:

APPLES—Demand fair; good winter $4 50@5 00 per bbl; fair $4; common $3; fancy $5@5 50. Receipts 650 bbls.

ASHES—A light stock is reported, and we quote as follows: Common sorts ask 4½c; refined 5c; nitrate soda 2¾@3c; pots 10c; pearls 11c.

APPLE BUTTER—We are reported a good demand, with sales prime at 60@70c per gallon; common to fair 50@55c.

BEANS—There is a steady demand for prime Navy at $2 37½@2 50 ₩ bush. The supply is reported light and the market firm.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—We are reported a brisk demand at $8 00@8 50 ₩ barrel for a prime article; $7 25@8 00 ₩ cwt.

BROOM CORN—The demand is light with some sales at prices within the range of 3@3½.

BROOMS—We have no change to note in prices. The market is reported quiet at $1 50 for fancy; No 1, $4 00; No. 2 $3 50; No. 3, $2 75; common, $2 25 @2 50 ₩ doz.

BAKING POWDER—Royal ½-lb cans $1 50 per doz; ¼-lb cans $3 00 per dozen; 1-lb cans $6 00 per dozen; Planter $1 75, $3 25 and $6 00 per doz for the different sizes.

BUTTER—Receipts 105 packages. Prices are again stronger and extra choice roll sold up to 28c, though the ruling quotations were 23@25c; medium to good 15@18c; common 10@12c.

BACON AND PROVISIONS—Receipts green meats 3,600 pieces, bacon 1pieces 74. The following are the quotations for the different hands and grades bought and sold here: Extra 100 to 110 lbs, $8 00; prime, 85 to 90 lbs, $6 75 to $7 50; medium, 80 to 85 lbs $5 75@6 25; common, $6 00@5 25; scalawags, $2 50@3 00 ₩ head.

IRON MARKETS.

LOUISVILLE.

February 19.—Dealers have advanced on bar iron 20c per hundred, but all other articles remain unchanged, with a very fair demand.

Pig Iron—The market is very firm with small receipts:

Hanging Rock, No. 1 foundry, charcoal, per ton	$45 00@46 00
Hanging Rock, No. 2, charcoal	44 00@45 00
Hanging Rock, mill	40 00@41 00
Western stone coal, No 1	44 00@45 00
Western stone coal, No 2	42 00@43 00
Western stone coal, mill	39 00@40 00
Western stone coal, No 1	44 00@45 00
St. Louis stone coal, No 2	42 00@43 00
St. Louis stone coal, mill	39 00@40 00
St. Louis stone coal, No 1	43 00@44 00
Tennessee No 1 foundry	42 00@43 00
Tennessee No 2 foundry	40 00@41 00
Tennessee mill	
Cold-blast charcoal, car-wheel, Hecla and Red river	48 00@50 00
Cold-blast Tennessee	46 00@50 00

Horse and Mule Shoes—Dealers quote horse shoes at $5 75@6 25 and mule shoes at $6 25@7 25 per keg.

Iron, Wrought—Bar, 3, S C 4 4-10c; C C 5 4-10c; nail rod 8@8½c.

Nails—Prices are firm; 10d nails, fence and brads, at $4 75@5 00 rates; all other sizes in proportion.

Plow Wings and Slabs—Steel plow slabs, 9c; iron plow slabs 5 6-10c; steel plow wings 9¾@; iron plow wings 6 7-10c.

Steel—Cast per lb, English 20@22c; American, 15@18c; American blister 10c; German 13@15c.

New York Finance and Trade.

Gold Closed at 110⅛@110¼.

NEW YORK, February 20—P. M.

MONEY.

Money easy at 6 to 7 per cent.

GOLD.

Gold steady at 110¼@110¾. Loans were from 1 to 4 per cent. Clearings $30,000,000.

EXCHANGE.

Sterling exchange 109¾.

GOVERNMENTS.

Government 5s			
Coupons 1881	115¾	5-20s, 1867	111⅝
5-20s, 1862	110⅞	Coupons 1868	112
5-20s, 1864	110⅞	10-40s	111¾
5-20s, 1865	110⅞	Currency 6s	114¾
5-20s, 1865, new	110⅞		

STATE BONDS.

State bonds firm.			
Missouri sixes	94	Virginias, old	53¾
Tennessees, old	66¾	North Carolinas, old	32
Tennessees, new	67	North Carolinas, new	17¾
Virginias, new	54		

STOCKS.

In the stock market Union Pacific has been the feature. The transactions were enormous and dealings attended with much excitement during the morning. The balance of the speculative list was generally neglected and the fluctuations unimportant. In Union Pacific there was a wide difference between the regular stock and sellers options and quotations, seller 60 day 1 per cent. below the price; in regular seller thirty 2 per cent, and seller 60 2½ per cent. The greatest difference between cash and regular sales on stock exchange was ⅞ of 1 per cent., while the highest rate obtained for borrowed stock was ¾ of 1 per cent. Later in the afternoon the excitement in Union Pacific subsided, and the tone of the market became firm. Prices advanced ¾@1 per cent. in miscellaneous shares. United States and American Express were dull.

Western Union	70	New Jersey Central	110¾
Quicksilver	35¾	St. Paul	53¾
Atlantic Express	67¾	do pref'd	75¾
Wells, Fargo & Co	67¾	Wabash	37¾
American Express	64¾	do pref'd	63
U. S. Express	66	Fort Wayne	97¾
Pacific Mail	67	Terre Haute	56
New York Central	97¾	do pref	75
N. Y. Central Scrip	92¾	Chicago & Alton	122¾
Erie	21¾	do pref	125
do pref'd	61	Ohio & Mississippi	45
Harlem	128¾	C. & A	85¾
do pref'd	134	Burlington & Quincy	113
Reading	114¾	Lake Shore	91¾
Mich Central	113	Panama	135
Cleveland & Pitts	90¾	Illinois Central	125
Northwestern	75¾	Union Pacific	38
do pref'd	90	U P Bonds	103¾
Rock Island	111¾	Union	91¾

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, February 20, 1872.

FLOUR—Moderately active and a shade higher; the sales are light; sales at $6 12½ to $6 75.

GRAIN—Wheat steady No 2 spring $1 26; No. 2 $1 25@1 25½; rejected $1 06@1 06½; seller March $1 26@1 26¼; No 1 spring $1 27@1 28. Corn firm at 40½c; ear 40c; seller March 40½c. Oats quiet but higher; No 2 32c; seller March 32¾c. Rye dull and unchanged; No 2, in car lots, 73¾@74c; white, 74c was bid for a round lot of regular; seller March 74c. Barley active and advanced. No 2 fall strictly fresh 61c; regular 59¾c; seller March 61c.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork; demand fair and market firm; seller March $12 87½@13 00. Lard steady and higher at 8.87½@8.90c; seller March 8.90c. Groceries and provisions meats steady but unchanged in price.

HOGS—Active and advanced; extreme range $4 95@5 60, with the bulk of the sales $4 95@5 40; closing slightly advanced, $5 10@5 10 being the outside figures ruling at the close.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, February 20.—Cotton more active and prices lower; middling uplands at 23¾c, and gulf unchanged; superfine western and State $6 10@6 50; common to good extra $6 75@7 00; good to choice $7 05@7 60; white wheat western extra $7 60@7 80. Rye flour and corn meal unchanged. Whisky a shade firmer at 92@92½c. Wheat more active; No 2 spring $1 25@1 25¼; No 1 do $1 27½@1 28; winter red western $1 34@1 35½; amber $1 36@1 37½; white $1 40@1 41; No 1 spring, afloat, $1 64; winter red western $1 65. Rye dull; western 90@91c. Malt quiet. Corn active and lower; new western mixed afloat 71½@72c. Oats lower; western 51¾@52c; western and Ohio, 55@55½c. Eggs in good demand at 32@35c. Hops unchanged. Coffee dull and nominal. Sugar quiet; fair to good refining 9@9½c; Cuba 9¾@10c. Molasses easier; New Orleans 50@60c. Crude petroleum 13½c; refined 23c. Turpentine firm at 47@47½c. Pork dull and heavy; new mess $14 00@14 12½; old $13 87½; prime $12 50; prime mess $16 50@17 00. Beef unchanged. Dressed hogs heavy at $5 87. Lard more active; No 1 to prime steam 8¾@9½c; kettle 9½c. Butter quiet at 17@26c. Cheese quiet and steady.

Buffalo Live Stock Market.

BUFFALO, February 20.—Cattle—Receipts 344, making the supply since last Friday 2,426, on 146 cars, against 165 cars last week. The market, though firm, was very quiet, buyers and sellers being wide apart; few sales of consequence were made. The transactions were as follows: 71 Ohio, steers of 1,000 to 1,350 lbs at $5 85@6 25; 40 State bulls of 1,125 lbs at $5; 19 Michigan steers of 1,174 lbs at $5 75. Sheep—Receipts 2,946, making a total since Friday of 6,366. The supply for the opening of the market is thus far light. Sales of 185 Michigan of 88 lbs at $4 90; Hogs—receipts since Friday 13,527; market quiet; sales 311 at $4 25@4 87½, the latter for prime.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, February 19.—Cotton drooping; middlings 22½c. Flour advanced as regards family; $7 30@8 50. Wheat steady; red $1 57@1 58; Corn firm at 47c. Oats steady. Barley steady. Groceries steady. Egg declined to 26@27c. Bacon unchanged at $13 25. Lard firm at 9@9¼c. Bulk meats firm at 5½@6,6¾c; sales 100,000 lbs shoulders at 6c, seller 30 days. Bacon declined; offering shoulders at 6¼c; sides 7¼@7¾c; sales 100 hhds sides, clear rib, at 7¾c, seller 30 days. Hogs quiet at $4 60@5; receipts 2,000 head. Whisky steady at 86c.

Cleveland Market.

CLEVELAND, February 20.—Flour firm with an upward tendency. Wheat steady; No 1 red winter $1 48; No 2 held at $1 50. Corn quiet and firm; low 50c. Oats steady at 43c; at the close offered at 42c. Refined petroleum advanced to 21@21½c in car lots; crude higher; held at $4 75@4 80.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, February 20.—The dry goods market is rather quiet, but prices keep advancing. Pequot A brown sheetings are up to 15¾c; do B up to 15c; Atlantic D, fine, 16c; 12 to 12½c; do A sheeting 12¾c; do Augusta T-8 do have been advanced from 11c to 12c. The wool market continues excited.

Milwaukee Market.

MILWAUKEE, February 20.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat steady; No. 1 $1 28; No 2 $1 26. Oats firm; No 2 32½c. Corn dull at 40½c. Rye active and advanced; No. 1 73c. Barley advanced. Pork firm at 8.25c. Hogs scarce and firm at $4 2044 40. Mess Pork firm at $12 25.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, February 20.—Flour dull. Wheat dull and declined 2c; No 2 spring $1 54; No 2 red $1 49¾; No 3 red $1 42. Corn dull and a shade lower; low mixed 46½@46¾c. Oats quiet; No 1 42c; No 2 41c; rejected 37c. Clover seed steady at $6 65. Hogs firm at $5 20.

Philadelphia Market.

PHILADELPHIA, February 20.—Flour firm; superfine $5 25@5 75. Wheat steady; Pennsylvania red $1 48@1 48½; amber $1 50@1 51; western 69@70c. Oats better; 53@54c. Whisky dull at 93c. Mess pork $14 50@14 62. Lard 9¼@9⅝c.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, February 20.—Wheat steady; extra $1 63; amber $1 49. Corn dull and oats quiet and unchanged. Cloverseed firm at $5 60.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, February 20.—Groceries unchanged. Whisky dull at 90@91.

COTTON MARKETS.

Memphis.

MEMPHIS, February 20.—Cotton—full prices asked, but no demand; 22¾@22¾c for middling upland.

Nashville.

NASHVILLE, February 20.—Cotton dull but unchanged; low middling 21¾c.

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PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, TUESDAY, February 20, 1872.

Cattle.

The arrivals of cattle this week so far have been rather light and in quality fair. The number of buyers here yet are few, and scarcely any cattle are selling, the market hardly opened. So far as we could learn only two loads of cattle changed hands. One load very fine Indiana steers, averaging 1,425 lbs, brought $5 ₩ hundred lbs, and another load lacking but a few lbs of 1,400, sold for $5 50. The former figures cannot be taken as a criterion, as there may not another load bring the same prices during the week. Sellers are holding cattle at about last week's prices, with a dull feeling ruling. Following are the prices holders are asking for the different grades of stock: Extra 1,400 to 1,500 lbs steers, $6 50 to $6 75; prime, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs steers, $5@50 to $6 00; common to medium, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs steers, $4 75 to $5 25; bulls, $2 75 to $3 50; cows, heifers and stags, $3 50 to $4 50.

Hogs.

The receipts of hogs this week to the time of writing are fair, and in quality are better than those of last week. The market yesterday was active—a good many changing hands. Today the feeling is not so good, and we think about $5 90 the top of the market. Following are the rates current for the different grades: Extra Philadelphia, $5 75 to $5 90; prime Philadelphia, $5 25 to $5 50; prime Yorkers, $4 75 to $5 00; common to rough, $4 65.

Sheep.

The arrivals of sheep are fair, and in quality are an average with those of other weeks. The market on good sheep is about the same as last week, while on common and medium the feeling is not so good. To-day a bunch of extra sheep (fine wool) averaging 95 lbs sold for about $5 00 ₩ 100 lbs. The following are the rates current for the different kinds and grades bought and sold here: Extra 100 to 110 lbs, $8 00; prime, 85 to 90 lbs, $6 75 to $7 50; medium, 80 to 85 lbs $5 75@6 25; common, $6 00@5 25; scalawags, $2 50@3 00 ₩ head.

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RIVER NEWS.

Arrival of the Steamship Caspian at Baltimore.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

BALTIMORE, February 19, 1872.

The Allen Line steamship Caspian, from Liverpool, arrived at the European steamship pier, Locust Point, Baltimore, this day at 8:30 A. M., with a cargo of assorted merchandise for Baltimore and the West. She brings thirty emigrants. The emigrants leave for the West by the Baltimore and Ohio Road.

M.

Greensboro.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

GREENSBORO, February 20, 1872.

River falling slowly, with five feet eight inches of water in the channel. Weather cloudy; thermometer 40 at 6 P. M.

G.

Brownsville, Pa.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., February 20, 1872.

River stationary, with seven feet of water in the channel. Weather cloudy; thermometer 40 at 6 P. M.

Wheeling, W. Va.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WHEELING, W. VA., February 20, 1872.

River seven feet three inches and falling. Passed up—Arcosy this morning; Carrie Brooks, 8 A. M. Weather very mild and thawing.

M.

Ironton, O.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

IRONTON, O., February 20, 1872.

River falling; weather warm; sprinkling rain this evening; ice thawing very fast. It is expected the local packets will resume their trips to-morrow.

R.

Evansville.

EVANSVILLE, February 20.—Weather cloudy and mild; light rain last evening; river up 11 ft 4in. River rising slowly. Port list: Up—Idle Wild, 2 A. M.; Quickstep, 9 A. M.; Fayette, 9 A. M. Down—Gondola, 9 P. M.; Mary Amend, 4 P. M.; Grey Eagle, 5 P. M., all well loaded. Business active and freight abundant.

Nashville.

NASHVILLE, February 20.—River rising; seven and a half feet on Harpeth shoals. Weather fair and pleasant. The Ella Hughes arrived from the upper Cumberland.

St. Louis.

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Vicksburg.

VICKSBURG, February 20.—Down—Crescent City at 4 P. M. Up—Ed Howard at 11 last night. Cool and raining. River rising.

New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, February 20.—Arrived—John Kinzie, Memphis; Alaska, Kaler, Cairo; Ben Franklin, Cincinnati; Wm. Walsh, White River; Chas. Bodmann, Cincinnati. Weather warm and clear.

For Latest River Dispatches See Outside.

FINANCIAL.

THE MARKS last evening indicated five feet six inches water in the channel, showing slowly. The weather during the day was as mild as spring. The boats in port expect to leave before the close of the week.

THE towboats are still at work in the pools breaking the ice.

THE Tom Farrow's barges were caught below Cincinnati and break.

THE steamers Belle Vernon and Nashville are being wrecked at Cincinnati

ARRIVED SINCE OUR LAST.—The towboats Fred. Wilson, J. D. Drawo and Ajax.

CAPT. C. L. BRENNAN leaves for Cincinnati this morning to bring up the Juniata.

THE steamers Wild Duck and Rover are receiving for St. Louis and way points.

THE rise from the pools commenced passing the city about 4 P. M. It was not of sufficient strength to do any damage.

THE Messenger was receiving for Nashville, and will take her departure as soon as we have more water.

THE steamer Kate Putnam, Captain Shuman, arrived yesterday. Her manifest was published some time since.

CAPTAIN T. C. SWEENEY, a very clever gentleman, is sporting a small cotton boat at Wheeling for the Ouachita river.

THE splendid packet Arlington, Captain D. Moore, has four hundred bbls per cargo on board and will have quick dispatch.

HAMILTON, of Mound City, has purchased the M. E. Forsyth, Capt. Geo. Forsyth, and will overhaul her for her machinery, which is said to be excellent.

CINCINNATI.—The subject of putting two lights on the main hill, Louisville and Cincinnati Canal, and other places, for the guidance of boats, will be brought before the River Improvement Convention.

DR. GRIFFITHS, of the United States Marine Hospital, certainly says that the cholera is all gone. Any one, white or black, presenting themselves with a pass or with money to pay for medical attendance fees, will be admitted to the hospital for treatment.

THE steamer Argosy arrived last night, and will resume her trips in the Wheeling trade to-day, leaving Wheeling at 10 A. M. Call on Capt. Wm. Chapman, the genial and accommodating agent, and he will receipt for freight and give all desired information.

LAST week engineers were making surveys for a bridge over the Ohio river at Jeffersonville, to be built by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company and other parties in Louisville and the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company, at a cost of $1,500,000.

It is generally supposed that the Ohio river was never known to freeze over more than twice in one winter below Louisville, but Capt. Jas. Rees, who informs us that in the winter of 1829-31 the river froze over three times—once in December, once in January, and once in March.

THE fine steamer "Granite State," Captain W. H. Kerr, takes her departure on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Passengers must be on board in the evening. Shippers must have their bills of lading signed this evening. The clerks are Messrs. Dorsey and Albert. Passengers will be well cared for.

MONDAY'S Louisville *Courier-Journal* says: The Mollie Ebert arrived from the Cumberland at 3 P. M. She will put 300 tons of freight on the barge Nellie Harris, to be sent through the canal. The Ebert will unload the falls on the coming rise, and reload the freight off the Barns and proceed on her way to Pittsburgh.

THE Pink Varble has been conditionally sold to parties at the falls for $4,000. The Evansville *Journal* says: "It is possible, however, that parties solicitous for the interests of the estate of Capt. Pierce, the principal owner, may thwart this sensible method of doing business. The Pink Varble's cargo was discharged yesterday and makes a formidable display on the wharf.

THERE is a movement on foot at New Orleans by the Red River interest to carry coal that stream, from the mouth, for anything or nothing, any freight brought to them from the North by the Mississippi and Ohio steamers. The offer is generous apparently this, but the movement has a purpose. It is to be a campaign against the St. Louis and Red river packers.

THE Louisville *Courier-Journal*, of Monday, says: The towboat Dick Fulton, arrived from the Cumberland with five empty barges in tow.

THE towboats A. H. Bigley, W. J. Baker and Samson No. 2 are coming from below with empty tows.

THE coal barges lying at Pumpkin Patch have suffered no damage from the recent break-up of ice.

CAPTAIN W. H. LEONARD, an old pilot formerly of Cincinnati, lately of St. Louis and New Orleans, received on the 21st inst., a paralytic stroke from which he is thought he will not recover. He is lying at the residence of his son-in-law, F. M. Clutter, Esq., at Mt. Auburn, Pendleton county, near Foster, Kentucky.

THE Portsmouth *Times* of Saturday says: "Means, Kyle & Co. lost a barge, and W. W. Little a flat, by ice at Limestone, Ky., last week. Capt. Kyle by the ice from where she sank to the foot of Jefferson street. Capt. Fanny Lewis's pilot house got out broke a camrod, and returned to this place on one wheel, where she is to remain until the ice thins out."

IN preparing for the Grand Duke the pastry cooks of the Great Republic made a very large cake, elaborately and skillfully decorated, and named it after His Imperial Highness. Upon one edge of the cake rested a mountain with a house upon its summit, and a zig-zag stairway leading thereto. Upon the center was a lake, in which water fowls were sporting, while around the other was a canal with a canvas rushing peil-mell toward a tunnel at the mountain's base.

THE Cincinnati *Commercial* of Monday says: The interruption to navigation out of the Kanawha to Maysville with six barges of cannel and Raymond City coal for Messrs. L. C. Longworth and Jacob Burnet, in sum one barge of Raymond City at Knob Shoals in the Kanawha. The coal and barge can be saved. The Fleet Wright and Clipper are at the mouth of the Kanawha with tows of coal for Capt. George.

The Ben. Franklin caught on the bank below Taylorsport, when the gorge gave way yesterday. The Champion No. 8 went down last night to pull her off.

MEMPHIS.—Saturday's *Avalanche* says: The article of coal has become so scarce at this point that Brosnan & Jones, the dealers here, have cut down steamers to an allowance of 100 barrels per trip, and as much less as they can be induced to accept. Citizens are still supplied with enough to keep cold away. There is no immediate prospect of any arrivals, and the scarcity is certain to increase before stocks can be replenished. Other points are nearly as bad off as we are. The ice has run out, and the gas works there are getting all they use from Cairo by railroad. Deck hands and rousters on packets to and from this city are receiving $45 per month.

IMPORTS BY RAIL AND RIVER.

Allegheny Valley Railroad.

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THE VERY LATEST.

XLII. CONGRESS.

Mr. Schurz on Sales of Arms.

Mr. Morton Replies to His Speech.

Diplomatic Appropriation Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 20, 1872.

SENATE.

Consideration of the resolution for inquiry into the sales of arms to France was resumed, and Mr. SCHURZ addressed the Senate. He said the weakness of a cause is apt to disclose itself by the nature of the arguments in its support. When we hear a case argued by insinuations and inuendoes with regard to the motives of those who have taken the other side, we are very apt to suppose that there must be something wrong. Nobody who has listened to the speeches of the Senators from Indiana and New York (Morton and Conkling) would deny that the general rule applies to the present matter. The Senator from Indiana [Morton] tried to convince the Senate that there could be no suspicion connected with the sale of arms by this government to certain persons, because the very road out of the Republican party led into the Democratic [laughter], and because the platform of the Missouri liberal does not accord with his views, and must, therefore, be anti-Republican and radically wrong, and because he is in favor of the election of Gen. Grant, and is sure to have it. [Laughter.]

The Senator from New York [Conkling], whom I very sincerely regret not to see in his seat, after his gallant conflict to-day, followed in the footsteps of the Senator from Indiana. He tried to convince us that the sales of arms must necessarily be free from blame, because there is no impression abroad that there is a military ring in this country; because there is an impression of the existence of a sensational cabal, bent upon destroying this Administration, and because the Democrats are circulating in New Hampshire the speeches of certain Republican Senators in order to defeat the Administration party there.

Now, sir, I will not deny that these things were very eloquently expressed, and might have been very proper elsewhere, but certainly they did not throw much light on the question now under discussion, and I should be glad to pass them over did I not desire to devote a very few remarks to one thing said by the Senator. With an air of triumph he held up a pamphlet purporting to contain one or my speeches, saying that it was circulated by the Democratic party in New Hampshire, and was producing a greater effect than any other document. I have since inquired into that matter, and what do you think that pamphlet contains? It contains the speeches of the Senators from Illinois, Massachusetts and Nebraska, and myself, and they are speeches denouncing the corruption prevailing in the Custom House in New York. If such things work against the success of the Administration party, then the Democratic party naturally who denounce corruption. It is those who, by covering up every abuse, ever so glaring, and defending every violation of law ever so scandalous, who have brought the Commonwealth to the pass where we now find it. Yes, there is a Senatorial cabal upon this floor. It is that cabal which defeated the San Domingo scheme. It is that cabal which forced an investigation of the corruption in the New York Custom House. It is that cabal which exposed those abuses and removed their authors from office. And let me tell the Senate that these speeches of ours would not have produced the least effect on the Republican voters of New Hampshire, if it could have been said at the same time that those abuses which were laid open in all their deformity a whole year ago had been abolished, and if it could have been denied that Lesch and Sharkey were at this moment still plundering the merchants of New York.

Mr. SCHURZ then said that the subject before the Senate, stripped of all personal matters, raised three questions. The first was, what was done in accordance with the rule of contract laid down by the government for its own action—the rule that arms should not be sold to any known agent of either belligerent? The second was, what was done in accordance with the laws of the country? Third, is there in the facts as they stand before us any ground for suspicion of corrupt practices connected with the transaction? In discussing the first, he said it was absurd to assert that these sales were made under the ordinary circumstances surrounding previous sales. It was true that the Government had been selling along since the rebellion, and nobody found any fault with it, but a great war between France and Germany had broken out, and the President had issued his proclamation of neutrality, would anybody say that no extraordinary precautions were then necessary in the sale of arms? Individuals might be pardoned for taking refuge behind technical ignorance of the destination of arms, but a nation could not do so, and that because its honor and its character among nations were at stake.

Mr. SCHURZ read a letter written by the Chief of Ordnance to show that the sales and operations of the War Department in making sales of arms at that period. The letter stated that bids had been invited by sending out letters to the principal dealers in the country. It remarkable, however, that Baker & Co., the only great arms merchants in New York, were not notified, and only learned by accident that the sales were to take place. Upon making the discovery Baker came to Washington and notified the Prussian Minister. The Minister went to the War Department and asked that the sales should be put off for a few days, and it was done. The Senator from New York [Conkling] had said that Baker & Co. bought arms which afterwards got into the hands of the French, and he was a mistake. He [Schurz] had been in communication with that house, and had ascertained the fact, which was that they had bid upon a quantity of arms for the purpose of keeping them from the hands of France, and to be recompensed by the German government, but that government declined to have anything to do with the arms after they passed into the hands of Schuyler, Hartley & Graham, and afterwards into the hands of the French. There were new calls for bids to be opened on the 20th of October. On October 21st four or five sales of large amount of arms to several firms were completed, and according to a dispatch of the French Consul those arms had already been partly paid for by the French government on the 22d of October, just one day after the sales from the department were completed. Certainly the business was done promptly [laughter], and the question was naturally suggested, whether, when Squires was discovered as the French agent, the sales were not postponed in order to give him an opportunity to make arrangements with other parties. He did not charge that this was a fact, but he would ask every fair minded man whether suspicion did not be dreadfully near. Then came the sales to Richardson. When the War Department was not offering to large arms dealers, did it address one of its letters to Thomas Richardson, commission-broker, Hion, N. Y.? [Laughter.] The Senator from New York had laid great stress on what he assumed to be the fact that Richardson need not have appeared personally at the Department in negotiating his purchase, and that it could have been done by merely sending in his bids, accompanied by twenty per cent. of the purchase money. The record showed, however, that the business could not be done in that way, because some effort was necessary in order to satisfy the conscience of the War Department about the propriety of making cartridges, and it showed also that that effort was made, not by Richardson in person, but by another gentleman—Remington—the same gentleman who, on the 15th of the preceding month, had been discovered to be an agent of the French government.

As further evidence that there did exist just ground for suspicion, and therefore for investigation, Mr. SCHURZ read two extracts from the testimony given by Remington before a court on the trial of Place. Remington, being a witness under oath, said: "I did not regard myself as obliged to make advances, and this still less, inasmuch as I had supposed that the government of the United States an advance of ten to twenty per cent." Again before the investigating committee of the French Assembly he said: "But the French government and I were charged to treat with the government of the United States. This last statement also showed what brought Remington back to this country in December of that year. He came to transact business connected with the purchase which was ostensibly made by Richardson, the lawyer, and it was after his return here on that errand that the interviews and negotiations described in his [Remington's] letter took place. The Senator from Indiana [Morton] had objected to his (Schurz's) statement the other day, that the Government was not only bound not to sell to men whom they knew to be agents of either belligerents, but also to satisfy themselves by means of information in their possession, that persons applying for arms were not agents of one or the other belligerents; but he [Schurz] was willing to accept Morton's statement of the rule, which was, that if the government had reason to believe that a person buying up arms was an agent of the French government, they had no right to make the sale, and that all the government was called on to know was, that the purchaser was not an agent of one or the other of the belligerents, and he insisted that the government had failed to do its duty, judged even by that rule. The Senator from New York [Conkling] had said that Cash was purchaser. That might be well, provided that Mr. Cash was not the representative of a known agent of the French government. No matter, says the Senator from New York [Conkling], Cash is the man who buys, and we look at nothing but Cash. But, then, where is our reasonable diligence? Where is our good faith? No matter, says the Senator, this great American Republic of ours understands her good faith and interprets her neutral duties on a strictly "cash principles." [Laughter.] Proudly the standard of our national morality and honor was borne aloft by the Senator from New York with a dollar mark in cash on the coat-of-arms of this great Republic of the United States. [Laughter.]

Seriously speaking, are we sensible men? Are we honest men? Is this our rule of neutral duty? Is this rule to be observed not only by the United States, but towards the United States? Let me warn Senators to pause long before they commit themselves to any position so absurd, so mean, so utterly dishonorable. Let me tell them it is not safe for nations to play little tricky games, and endeavor to cover themselves up with little quibbling technicalities.

Mr. SCHURZ discussed this at great length, and as additional evidence that there was ground for suspicion and investigation, read a passage from the testimony given by Jules Lecesna, who was President of the Investment Committee of Tours in France, while these sales were going on. The question was upon a certain overcharge *on a lot of rifles*, and this witness said there was no expense beyond the percentage allowed Remington, since we had treated directly with the government of the United States, which delivered these arms without charge on board vessels. After this and other statements he [Schurz], thought Senators should cease to talk about the want of patriotism of those who called the attention of the Senate and country to this matter. It was quite evident that foreign governments were as well informed as they were, or even better. [Laughter.] These statements, made under oath in foreign courts, left no course open for the United States except to investigate, and show the statements to be false, if they were so, or if they were true, to punish the guilty.

The second question was, were the laws of our own country violated? and he argued that it was at least a proceeding of doubtful legality to sell breach-loading rifles at all. The statute authorized the sale of old cannon, arms and other ordnance stores which were damaged or otherwise unsuitable for the United States military service or for the militia of the United States. The Chief of Ordnance had assumed the right to sell a large number of breach-loading rifles of the pattern of 1868, and that at a time when the militia throughout the country were armed with old muzzle-loaders.

Mr. MORTON said that the breech-loaders sold were of a discarded pattern, and that it was the intention of the government to arm the militia with an improved rifle. In view of this fact they were discarded. Rifles did not come within the class of ordnance stores mentioned in the statute.

Mr. SCHURZ said that the Secretary of War and Chief of Ordnance had some doubts about the propriety of their action at the time, and he had a letter from the Chief of Ordnance to General Belknap, stating that the arms so sold were fit for the United States service. He felt somewhat further from the Chief of Ordnance himself, and if there was to be any quibbling about this point, he would be glad to hear it at once. Possibly an attempt would be made to explain it way, too, but he would ask the Senate what would become of popular respect for the laws if the law-makers thus recklessly quibbled away the meaning? What would become of that kind of constitutional government in this country if the executive officers of the government were to be allowed to feel that they might disregard the plainest provisions of the law, and that, like Caesar Augustus, they could always rely upon a submissive and obedient Senate? He begged the Senate to remember that there was more at stake than cartridges or cash.

On the third point Mr. SCHURZ argued that the facts already shown were enough to justify a suspicion of corrupt transactions. The testimony of Remington and of the French officials already referred to, the anxiety of the Chief of Ordnance to aid Remington in settling his accounts in France, relating to the very transactions for which he [Remington] had been ostensibly driven out of the war department, the difference between the amounts paid by the French and those received by our Government, the jeopardizing of our national relations, the risking of our internal harmony, the flagrant and confessed violation of law by the War Department, and the mysterious disappearance of large sums of money—all these facts and circumstances go to show that there was ground for suspicion and for investigation, and Senators on the other side knew it and felt it keenly, as was shown by their attempts to divert the Senate and country from the investigation by charging those who urge this resolution with acting as French agents and with want of patriotism. These charges were flimsy and absurd, and naturally so, and he meant to stand by it. He had drawn it, however, without having the statute before him, and if the Senator [Schurz] found expressions objectionable in it, he was willing to withdraw that phrase.

Mr. SCHURZ—Oh, I have no doubt the Senator is in earnest in this matter. I have never doubted that it looks just like him. The Senator has referred to the statute which he held up before us yesterday, threatening us with fine and imprisonment. Ah, sir, it is a glorious spectacle! Fifty millions of loyal American Senators, not entirely unknown to the country, whose record is not entirely devoid of patriotism and service, and whose only aim is to investigate abuses and violations of law, and have them punished. Those Senators are met here by one of the spokesmen of the Administration, flourishing a statute in his hand, threatening them with fine and imprisonment. Let it be known in every nook and corner that he who is in earnest in setting his face against those in power and who boldly seeks to detect fraud and punish violations of law is confronted by powers that be with the prospect of a dungeon. Why, sir, I did not know that the Administration was in such a desperate condition [Laughter and applause in the galleries.] They are developing very fast. How long will it be until you cannot even get up meetings anywhere without shocking the Knights of General Order, without having some statute dug up that will fine and imprison you for it. [Laughter.] But if the Senator from New York thinks that he can frighten me by that strike fear into my soul, he will soon find that he is greatly mistaken. On the path of duty that I have walked, I have seen men far more dangerous than he is, and before a threatening look my heart will not quail. No, sir, I will vote for his amendment—vote for it with all the emphasis it deserves. [Loud applause in the galleries.]

Mr. SCHURZ then spoke of the charge that this is a move to alienate the German vote. The Senator from Indiana [Morton] and the Senator from New York [Conkling] were very sweet on the Germans just now. [Laughter.] They had said that no man owned the Germans of America. That was a fact, and he was proud of it, for the honor of the Germans. No man, no politician, no Senator, not even the President of the United States, owned the Germans. Least of all were they owned by that class of politicians who desperately clung to the skirt of power through whatever mire it may drag them. [Laughter and applause in the galleries.] The Germans had fought Tammany in New York, and they would in solid array fight every Tammany, great or small, on whatever side it might appear. An attempt had been made to suppress the investigation by cracking the party whip, but those who made that attempt grievously mistook the time and the spirit of the people. The people could be no longer deceived by the misrepresentation of the motives of those who were fighting against corruption. When motives were called in question, they knew that the motives of the men in power were at least as open to suspicion as the motives of those who were opposed to them. Let me tell those gentlemen, said he, that we knew the road to patronage just as well as others did, if we had chosen to walk in it. The crack of the party whip has lost its power in these times. Mere party cant lies stale and nauseating on the stomach of the people. If you think that the movement now spreading all over this land is a mere plot of politicians, you will soon discover your mistake. It is a reaction against party politics and against the spirit of jobbery which has been developed in times of war and great political excitement. It is an earnest uprising for honest and pure government. You cannot repress it by party discipline, by penal statutes. It may be a mere commotion to-day; undertake to resist it and you will find it a great moral and political revolution to-morrow. Whatever others may do, he said, I have taken my lot. It is to this cause that my heart is devoted, and with this cause I will stand or fall.

Mr. MORTON said that the only new point in Mr. Schurz's speech was the passage quoted from the testimony of Lecense, and insisted that the statement of Remington and the admission of Schurz in his previous speech showed that Lecense's statements must be false. The Senator from Missouri had charged that an attempt had been made to stifle the proposed investigation by cracking the party whip; but every Senator and every person acquainted with the proceedings of the Senate knew that directly the reverse was true. No body had proposed to resist this inquiry. He had intended from the first to vote for it, and the resolution would have been passed without a word of debate had not the movers of the resolution forced debate on the Senate by insisting on the preamble. The Senator from Missouri had also asserted that the Senatorial debate had forced an investigation into the New York Custom House. That also was untrue.

Mr. MORTON said all those on his side had voted for the investigation in New York, and their only offense was that they were not willing to organize a committee, a majority of which would have been enemies of the administration, and give them power to throw mud and smut on the President and his administration from that time up to the next election. He [Morton] was independent enough to support an administration which could be assailed only on personal grounds, by falsehood, and calumny, and abuse. The honest friends of the Republican party stood up in the Senate to defend it. They were called party henchmen. He cared not for the epithets of the Senator from Missouri [Schurz.] The Senator talked about clinging to the skirts of power, but up to the time when he fell out with the administration that Senator had made quite as many recommendations and obtained as many appointments to offices as he [Morton] had, and he had heard it stated that the Senator's personal difficulty with the administration had grown out of the removal of his friends from office.

Mr. SCHURZ said he would authorize the Senator [Morton] to tell everybody who told him so that he lied.

Mr. MORTON was not convinced by that statement. The object of those who had forced this debate on the Senate was to draw these crowds to the Senate chamber and to make capital against the Republican party. The whole affair was gotten up by a long previous arrangement. The charge was false from beginning to end, and the evidence brought to support it was trivial; but whether false or not the majority were willing to have it investigated. The movers of the resolution, however, were determined to bring it before the country in advance of the election, and would have failed in that the investigation would amount to nothing. The object of the Senator from Missouri [Schurz] was to separate the Germans from the Republican party and from native citizens, in order to make them the balance of power. The Senator was attempting to revive Know-nothingism in its worst form.

Mr. SCHURZ said that no man in the country had more earnestly opposed the formation of any political organization based on separate nationalities.

Mr. MORTON said he must judge the Senator by his acts. He was responsible for electing his Democratic colleague [Blair] to the Senate. Blair was Schurz's political offspring. [Laughter.]

Mr. BLAIR said he had been elected to the Senate, not by his colleague, but by the people of Missouri. His colleague, however, had endeavored to give the people an opportunity to have a fair election, and of course the Senator [Morton] did not like that.

Mr. MORTON said that was the pretence, but the election of Blair was the result of a coalition of certain Republicans with the Democrats, and that coalition had not yet been disavowed.

Mr. MORTON then charged that Schurz was staying in the Republican party for the purpose of defeating it, and read an extract from a speech made by him in Chicago, in which he said that if General Grant were renominated, he (Schurz) would not support him. The Senator had a right to leave the Republican party if he elected, but he had no right to stay in it and attempt to defeat it.

Mr. SCHURZ asked whether he meant to say that those who were not in favor of the renomination of General Grant had no business in the Republican party.

Mr. MORTON said he did not. Those who were opposed to the renomination of the President had a right to express their opposition. But if he should be renominated, and if their love for the party and its principles were stronger than their personal feelings, he would support him, however, who announced in advance that if the candidate most likely to be nominated should receive the nomination, he would bolt and support another party ticket in a very questionable position in the party.

Mr. MORTON continued at length, and read extracts from Blair's speeches to show that Blair was disloyal and a Democrat.

The Senate, without voting, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Consideration of the bill reported by Mr. WILLIARD to regulate the employment of clerks in Congressional committees, and Mr. WOOD criticized the Civil Service Committee for not being able to report a measure of practical importance. He doubted if the responsibility of selecting good men for office, which he should not shirk by casting it on Congress.

Mr. KERR opposed and Mr. HOLMAN supported the measure.

While the bill was under discussion, Mr. WILLIARD, from the Select Committee on Civil Service, reported a bill providing that any member of Congress soliciting, or recommending appointments, unless called on by the appointing authorities, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined from $100 to $1,000, besides forfeiting his privilege on making this the special order four weeks from Thursday, and from day to day till disposed of.

Mr. WILLIAMS withdrew the bill relative to clerks of committees, and substituted this one instead, for discussion in the morning hour.

Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, offered an amendment that all applications for office be placed in the hands of claim agents and middlemen around the capital.

The morning hour expired and the bill went over, and the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Diplomatic Appropriation bill. Mr. SWANN, a member of the Committee on Appropriations, who had charge of the bill, made an hour's speech on it, in which he touched on various matters, the Chorpenning claim, defending the Postmaster General's course in regard to it, the Catacazy imbroglio, in which he sustained both the State Department and Administration; the danger of complications with England, Russia and Spain. He avowed himself ready to vote for a bill for the recognition of Cuban independence, and for immediate satisfaction from Spain for its various outrages on American citizens. He said war with Great Britain would be a mere circumstance compared with the late civil war, and that an invasion was an absurdity, and that in maritime war we should take a dozen English vessels while they could not find one of ours. He criticized the composition of the American Commission at Geneva, referring specially to Bancroft Davis as a clerk or subordinate of the State Department, instead of a diplomatic representative possessed of men of the highest ability and reputation. He understood that it was Bancroft Davis who had presented the objectionable claims while he had let the existing complications. He would support a bill for the construction of twenty iron-clads, and would introduce such a bill himself if no one else did.

At the close of the debate the bill was read by clauses for amendment. Without disposing of it the Committee rose and the House adjourned.

POLITICAL.

Kansas Republican State Convention.

LAWRENCE, February 20.—The city is filled with delegates and leading Republicans of the State in attendance upon the Republican State Convention which will meet here to-morrow. Nearly all the counties have been represented. The Convention will be unanimous for Grant and will adopt a platform emphatically indorsing him.

The National Labor Convention.

COLUMBUS, February 20.—The National Labor Convention meets here to-morrow. About one hundred and fifty delegates are now here, among them M. Chamberlain and Alexander Troup, of Massachusetts, and H. H. Day, of New York. Delegates are expected from about fifteen States. An enthusiastic preparatory meeting was held to-night at which a number of short speeches were made. The general expression of the meeting was in favor of acting independently and not as an adjunct of any political party. In several speeches all allusion as to the defeat of Hon. Geo. Pendleton was covered. The Convention will meet at ten o'clock to-morrow and will continue two days. John Lyns, of Pennsylvania, will probably be temporary chairman.

The National Prohibition Convention meets here on Friday.

South Carolina Republican Convention.

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 20.—The Republican State Convention re-assembled to-day. The contest is between the partisans of Gov. Scott and Senator Sawyer. A resolution to allow each Congressional district delegation to select three delegates disconcerts all. Only three districts as yet have made selections. In the remaining districts Gov. Scott, ex-Judge Orr, Attorney Chamberlain, Comptroller Neagle and Congressman Elliott are among the candidates. The convention will doubtless sit all night.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH

The State admission convention assembled at Salt Lake City, Utah, yesterday, Tom Fitch presiding and making a speech. He took ground against polygamy, said the system was damned, must be renounced before Utah would be admitted into the Union, and advised the Mormons to take the initiative and abolish the system. It persisted in the experiences of Nauvoo might be repeated. Orson Pratt also spoke, and said they did not now propose to ask Congress for rights, but demand them. Judge Snow, late Territorial Attorney, opposed any concession; polygamy was right; it was the right of the Mormon people, and if the government would not recognize such right, he would not recognize the government. The sense of the convention was against any concession in respect to polygamy. A resolution to call a mass meeting was held Monday night, and resolutions adopted to pay no more taxes until an exhibit was made of what had been done with the money obtained since the organization of the Territory.

Three Union Pacific trains passed Cheyenne from the West yesterday. The road is reported clear of snow.

The drug store of W. S. Merrill & Co., in Cincinnati, was badly damaged by fire last night. The loss will exceed $30,000.

Mr. Brewer, of New York, one of the snow blockaded passengers on the, Union Pacific, died at San Francisco Monday night, from the effects of fatigue and exposure.

The quartz miners in Grass Valley, California, are violently resisting the introduction of single hand-drills and giant power.

A dispatch from Laramie, Wyoming, says the great amount of snow that has fallen now begins to melt, and on account of nearly all of the mountain side water courses for three hundred miles west are filled with an alkali soil, which gives way to the pressure of water, great damage to the Union Pacific road must ensue, as the water can escape only over the embankments and through them. In previous years, with one-fourth the fall of snow, it has caused delays and perpetual labor for days in order to keep the track in shape for trains to pass. It is believed the water will cause greater delays than the snow has.

EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE

The "Times" on Our Claims.

LONDON, February 20.—The *Times* to-day, in an article on the Alabama claims controversy, says: "Our relations with the United States are such that nothing should be done to lessen the authority of the Government." The *Times* hopes, though faintly, that the American cabinet will yield to public opinion.

Mr. Gladstone's Reception of the American Case.

LONDON, February 20.—In the House of Commons to-night, Premier Gladstone replied to the inquiry as to the time when the American case on the Alabama claims was received. He admitted that a few copies reached England in December, but nearly all were sent to the foreign office, the diplomatic agents and the arbitrators themselves. It was only in the vicinity of the first of February that the Cabinet was supplied with the document. When he first saw the case he thought it was an able argument in regard to the Alabama claims, but he was surprised that other important questions were introduced in it.

The House subsequently engaged in a debate on the subject of emigration, in the course of which Mr. Aytoun, member for Kirkaldy, expressed the hope that some action would be taken to direct the stream of emigration from America and Australia.

Miscellaneous Dispatches.

LONDON, February 20.—The court circular announces that the Prince of Wales intends to go to Yarmouth to recuperate. It also gives some particulars as to the order of the royal procession on the 27th inst.

The journeymen in the ship yards of Yarrow-on-the-Tyne, to the number of 3,000, have struck work.

In the division on the resolution of censure last night, 130 liberal members voted against the government.

The son of Matthew Arnold is dead.

BERLIN, February 20.—Gen. Von Moltke and Von Roon have been created life peers by Royal decree, and Bismarck Count and Minister Plenipotentiary.

THE WAR IN MEXICO.

Further Reverses to Government Troops.

MATAMORAS, February 20.—The government troops under General Mosquira were routed in the State of Sinaloa by General Marquese with a loss of four pieces of artillery and many prisoners. Generals Guerra and Navajo with 4,000 revolutionists are said to be in the city of Louis Potosi on the 16th instant, driving the government forces within their barricades and cutting off reinforcements and supplies. A reconstruction with a million and a half of dollars reached the frontier from the City of Mexico, guarded by five hundred revolutionists, from Zacatecas. This is the first specie gotten out since the commencement of the revolution, four months ago.

NEW YORK.

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MINOR MATTERS.

The Grand Jury in the United States Circuit Court indicted Charles Callender for making a false certificate as Bank Examiner of the affairs of the Ocean Bank in consideration of a bribe.

James A. Polhamus and Eugene J. Jackson for aiding Paymaster Hodge in embezzlement, and John W. Norton for converting moneys of the United States to his own use.

Baron Gerolt, late German Ambassador at Washington, has been given by the Emperor a liberal pension, and a place in the Privy Council with the title of Excellency.

Samuel Sloan has been re-elected President of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

The Theater Comique was put up at auction to-day, but was withdrawn, the bids reaching only $374,000.

Dr. John M. Covert, of Brooklyn, a Floridian and formerly on General Robert E. Lee's staff, died on Sunday.

THE NEW CHARTER.

There was an immense meeting of citizens at Cooper Institute to-night, in support of the new charter of the Committee of Seventy. Among those present on the platform were Henry Clews, ex-Mayor Havemeyer, Col. Shebuns, and leading members of the Committee. The speakers were Horace Greeley, ex-Governor Salomon, General Slack, James Choate and William E. Dodge. Resolutions were adopted, indorsing the new charter. The Republican Central Committee, Greeleyite, to-night indorsed the same document.

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, February 20, 1872.

THE CABINET.

To-day was attended by all the members. The session was brief. No reference was made to the pending English complication.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE SYNDICATE COMPLETED.

All the American agents of the Syndicate now in Europe will leave for the United States on the 24th instant. The Syndicate wind up the transactions connected with the new loan.

RIVER REPORT.

War Department, Signal Service, U. S. A., Division of Telegrams and Reports for the Benefit of Commerce.

February 20, 1872, 3:00 P. M.

Stations.	*Rise. Feet.	Inch.	*Fall. Feet.	Inch.
Cairo, Ills	1	1	0	0
Cincinnati, Ohio	0	0	7	6
Louisville, Ky	0	3	0	0
Memphis, Tenn	0	3	0	0
Nashville, Tenn	0	2	1	0
New Orleans, La	0	1	0	0
Pittsburgh, Pa	0	0	0	10
Shreveport, La	0	0	0	0
St. Louis, Mo	0	0	0	0
St. Paul				
Vicksburg, Miss	0	6	0	0

*Rise and fall in last twenty-four hours.
Dash — indicates river closed.
*No report.

Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, February 20.—River sixteen feet and falling, ice floating. Arrived—H. O. Turner, New Orleans; Emma Floyd, Memphis; Chameleon, Red river; the Ben Franklin came from Cincinnati, the first boat from that point since January 26th. Departed—Anna, Armadillo, Alice Dean, Minnesota, Jennie Rankin, Lawrence, Ada Heilman, Cincinnati; all went to the bank this side of Twelve Mile Island to wait for the ice to pass. They have probably gone on by this time. The following leave to-morrow: Fairchild, Pittsburg; Emma Floyd, Champion, Cincinnati; Cornelia, Tennessee river; Warner and barges, New Orleans. All packets resumed their trips to-day.

Cairo.

CAIRO, February 20.—No arrivals. Departed—Atlantic, St. Louis, 1 P. M. The river has risen thirteen inches; raining since 3 P. M.; wind north; thermometer, 46.

COTTON MARKETS.

Mobile.

MOBILE, February 20.—Cotton dull; middlings 22¼c.

Galveston.

GALVESTON, February 20.—Cotton firm; good ordinary 20¼c.

Charleston.

CHARLESTON, February 20.—Cotton quiet; middlings 22¾@23¼c.

Savannah.

SAVANNAH, February 20.—Cotton firm for good grades; others nominal; middlings 22¼@23¼c.

NATURE'S HIGHWAY.

Ohio River Improvement Convention

Permanent Organization	Effected.

CINCINNATI, February 20.—The Ohio River Improvement Convention met this morning at College Hall and effected a temporary organization by choosing Thos. J. Power, of Pennsylvania, temporary Chairman, and Captain J. P. Sautmeyer as Secretary. Committees on credentials and organization were appointed. Letters were received from Senator Morton, Secretary Belknap, Governor Boreman, of West Virginia; Gov. Baker, of Indiana; Simon Cameron, of Pennsylvania, and General Humphreys of the United States Engineers, expressing their regret that they could not be present at the meeting. The meeting will organize permanently at two o'clock this afternoon.

The Convention this afternoon organized permanently by the election of the following officers: President, Hon. Jesse D. Bright, of Kentucky. Vice Presidents, John W. Chalfant, of Pennsylvania; Hon. J. M. Camden, of West Virginia; Capt. R. H. Woolfold, of Louisville; Thos. W. Means, of Hanging Rock, Ohio; Jas. Howard, of Indiana; T. J. Shannon, of Illinois. Secretaries, Capt. S. P. Sautmeyer, of Cincinnati; Isaac Smith, of West Virginia; Col. John Todd, of Kentucky. Hon. Jesse D. Bright, upon taking the chair, made a speech in which he alluded to the proposition made to the county years ago by Commodore Ellet to dam the rivers that unite at Pittsburgh for the Ohio, so that water might be reserved to feed the river and make it navigable in the dry season. He said the proposition then regarded as absurd was now thought to be feasible.

After the address various standing committees were appointed.

Colonel William E. Morrill, Government Engineer in charge of the improvement of the Ohio, delivered an address. He said his plan for the improvement of the Ohio was about the same as that for foreign rivers. Owing to a less dense population the same perfection was not attainable in this country. The Ellet plan of damming the Allegheny and Monongahela had met with little favor from engineers who had investigated it. Mr. Roberts estimated the cost of this plan at fifty millions not including incidental damages. He said locks and dams was the only practicable plan for the upper end of the river. Cuts could be made in these dams to allow coal boats to pass. This plan would be impracticable below the falls at Louisville. Wing dams would answer there. Single chute dams could be made at $24,000 each, while dams on the upper Ohio would cost $150,000 each. He was in favor of continuing the present plan of improvement, that is, of damming one channel at islands and wing dams on bars. For lack of money he would not be able to do much on the Ohio river this year. Dredging he thought would only do on the upper part of the river, elsewhere he would leave that work to the current. He was in favor of making the improvement by slack water system, and he meant to stand by it. He had drawn it, however, without having the statute before him, and if the Senator [Schurz] found expressions objectionable in it, he was willing to withdraw that phrase.

Mr. SCHURZ—Oh, I have no doubt the Senator is in earnest in this matter. I have never doubted that it looks just like him. The Senator has referred to the statute which he held up before us yesterday, threatening us with fine and imprisonment. Ah, sir, it is a glorious spectacle! Fifty millions of loyal American Senators, not entirely unknown to the country, whose record is not entirely devoid of patriotism and service, and whose only aim is to investigate abuses and violations of law, and have them punished. Those Senators are met here by one of the spokesmen of the Administration, flourishing a statute in his hand, threatening them with fine and imprisonment. Let it be known in every nook and corner that he who is in earnest in setting his face against those in power and who boldly seeks to detect fraud and punish violations of law is confronted by powers that be with the prospect of a dungeon. Why, sir, I did not know that the Administration was in such a desperate condition [Laughter and applause in the galleries.] They are developing very fast. How long will it be until you cannot even get up meetings anywhere without shocking the Knights of General Order, without having some statute dug up that will fine and imprison you for it. [Laughter.] But if the Senator from New York thinks that he can frighten me by that strike fear into my soul, he will soon find that he is greatly mistaken. On the path of duty that I have walked, I have seen men far more dangerous than he is, and before a threatening look my heart will not quail. No, sir, I will vote for his amendment—vote for it with all the emphasis it deserves. [Loud applause in the galleries.]

Mr. SCHURZ then spoke of the charge that this is a move to alienate the German vote. The Senator from Indiana [Morton] and the Senator from New York [Conkling] were very sweet on the Germans just now. [Laughter.] They had said that no man owned the Germans of America. That was a fact, and he was proud of it, for the honor of the Germans. No man, no politician, no Senator, not even the President of the United States, owned the Germans. Least of all were they owned by that class of politicians who desperately clung to the skirt of power through whatever mire it may drag them. [Laughter and applause in the galleries.] The Germans had fought Tammany in New York, and they would in solid array fight every Tammany, great or small, on whatever side it might appear. An attempt had been made to suppress the investigation by cracking the party whip, but those who made that attempt grievously mistook the time and the spirit of the people. The people could be no longer deceived by the misrepresentation of the motives of those who were fighting against corruption. When motives were called in question, they knew that the motives of the men in power were at least as open to suspicion as the motives of those who were opposed to them. Let me tell those gentlemen, said he, that we knew the road to patronage just as well as others did, if we had chosen to walk in it. The crack of the party whip has lost its power in these times. Mere party cant lies stale and nauseating on the stomach of the people. If you think that the movement now spreading all over this land is a mere plot of politicians, you will soon discover your mistake. It is a reaction against party politics and against the spirit of jobbery which has been developed in times of war and great political excitement. It is an earnest uprising for honest and pure government. You cannot repress it by party discipline, by penal statutes. It may be a mere commotion to-day; undertake to resist it and you will find it a great moral and political revolution to-morrow. Whatever others may do, he said, I have taken my lot. It is to this cause that my heart is devoted, and with this cause I will stand or fall.

Mr. MORTON said that the only new point in Mr. Schurz's speech was the passage quoted from the testimony of Lecense, and insisted that the statement of Remington and the admission of Schurz in his previous speech showed that Lecense's statements must be false. The Senator from Missouri had charged that an attempt had been made to stifle the proposed investigation by cracking the party whip; but every Senator and every person acquainted with the proceedings of the Senate knew that directly the reverse was true. No body had proposed to resist this inquiry. He had intended from the first to vote for it, and the resolution would have been passed without a word of debate had not the movers of the resolution forced debate on the Senate by insisting on the preamble. The Senator from

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PROBABILITIES.

An area of low barometer will probably on Wednesday morning extend eastward over the Gulf States, with southerly winds and rainy weather on the coast, and northeast winds veering to the southeast, with threatening weather in the South Atlantic States; the barometer in Canada will move down the St. Lawrence Valley, with snow and rain easterly winds veer to the southwest with cloudy weather in the Middle States Wednesday morning, and over New England during the afternoon, possibly with light rain. Dangerous winds are not anticipated for Tuesday night.

CITY MATTERS.

EXTENSIVE ROBBERY.

The Safe in Semple's Dry Goods Store Blown Open—The Night Watchman Gagged—Between One and Two Thousand Dollars Stolen—Arrest of the Watchman.

Between eight and nine o'clock last night an extensive robbery was committed at the dry goods store of Mr. William Semple, Nos. 165, 167 and 169 Federal street, Allegheny. About the time mentioned, two scoundrels approached one of the doors on Federal street, when one of them rapped. This brought the night watchman to the door. The latter's story is that he asked the party on the outside, "Who is there?" In reply one of them answered, "Dave," the name of a son of Mr. Semple's. The watchman says that he then opened the door when the two men entered. One of them held a revolver at the watchman's head and threatened to fire if he uttered a word, whereupon they seized, bound and gagged him, and throwing him upon the floor covered him with cloths. The scoundrels then went to work on the safe with instruments, but failing to open it in this manner they placed a charge of powder in the key hole and soon blew the door open. About $1,000 was taken from the safe, with which the scoundrels decamped. The watchman, as soon as the men had left, made his way to the Mayor's office and gave the particulars of the robbery to Chief Clark. He in turn locked up the watchman for the night and then visited the scene of the robbery, where the formidable crowbar and a "jimmy" which the robbers had left behind them. The police of the two cities were at once informed of the affair, but at three o'clock this morning no arrests had been made.

Mr. Semple states that he had given the watchman particular instructions never to open any of the doors of the building at night not even if he himself was to apply for admission. By overstepping his instructions the watchman has gotten himself into considerable trouble. The matter will be more fully investigated this morning.

An Odd Transaction.

In February, 1871, as is alleged in an information before Alderman Koenig, Conrad Eckert leased a house from Daniel Atzinger, for two years, paying him six hundred dollars in advance for the use of the property. A short time ago, it is charged, Eckert's time was out. Atzinger sold the house, and the new landlord has told Mr. Eckert to move. The latter now sues for the recovery of the amount he advanced. Hearing to-morrow.

CITY MATTERS IN BRIEF.

WASHINGTON'S birthday to-morrow.

PHOTHONOTARY Ross is in Harrisburg.

THE livery men are about to raise prices.

LOCAL news was extremely scarce yesterday.

THE temperance cause is to be agitated again.

MATINEE at the Varieties to-morrow afternoon.

TWENTY-ONE common cases were disposed of by Mayor Blackmore yesterday morning.

THE old hill on Diamond alley is rapidly disappearing.

SCHOOL teachers who have vacation on Washington's birthday anniversary, must lose that day's pay.

MAYOR BLACKMORE sent Alex. Forbes to the workhouse for thirty days, yesterday on a charge of vagrancy.

JOHN CHRISTY was conducting a christening at his house last night, and after the ceremony got drunk. He was locked up for a hearing.

CAPT. JOSEPH CUPPLES is making a most efficient night guardian of the Central Station House.

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